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Comments:

All 33 members of SCHHA are in support.

Kamaki Kanahale, Chairman of SCHHA

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Beatrice Hew Len, Oahu Mokupuni

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Helen O'Connor Health / Human Service

Tasha Kama, Genealogy

Al Harrington, Native Tourism

Dr. Agnes Cope, AHA Kupuna Council

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Audrey Loo, Anahola Hawaiian Lands Farms Assn Kawehi Mahi Anahola Hawaiian Homes Association

Harry Purdy, Hoolehua Homestead Agriculture Assn Oochie Bush, Hoolehua Homestead Association

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Wallace, Kapaakea Homesteader Colleen Aiwohi, Kaupe'a Homestead Community Annie Au Hoon,

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Paahana, Villages of Leialii Association Herbert Hew Len, Waianae Kai Homestead Association

Alapake Heanu, Waiehu Kou I Homestead Association Aloha Planesi, Waiehu Kou II Homeowners Assn

Roy Oliver, Waiehu Kou III Community Association Danny Kanahale, Waiehu Kou IV Micheal

Hodson, Waimea Hwn Homesteaders Assn, Inc Blossom Feiteira, Association of Hawaiians for

Homestead Lands

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The Twenty-Sixth Legislature
Regular Session of 2012

THE SENATE

Committee on Economic Development and Technology

Senator Carol Fukunaga, Chair

Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

State Capitol, Conference Room 016

Wednesday, March 14, 2012; 1:30 p.m.

**STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON H.B. 2869, HD2
RELATING TO THE ECONOMY**

The ILWU Local 142 supports H.B. 2869, HD2, which extends the motion picture, digital media, and film, separates the calculation of the credit amount based on wages and salaries from the credit amount based on other qualified production costs, and provides different credit amounts based on residence within the counties for the wages and salaries paid to all cast, crew, and musicians of the qualified production, plus an additional unspecified per cent credit amount on wages and salaries of cast, crew, and musicians who are state residents.

We support economic development and creation of jobs for Hawaii residents. The film and television industry can provide Hawaii residents with good-paying jobs while promoting Hawaii to benefit its number one industry, tourism. There is no question that films like “The Descendants” and television shows like “Hawaii Five-0” have significantly promoted Hawaii as a destination of choice for many visitors. They see Hawaii’s beautiful scenery on film and want to come to see it in person.

Legislation that will encourage more economic activity and provide jobs to Hawaii residents is definitely worth considering.

The ILWU urges passage of H.B. 2869, HD2. Thank you for allowing us to offer testimony.

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March 14, 2012

Hawaii State Legislature
Senate Committee on Economic Development and Technology

RE: Bill # HB 2869 HD2

Dear Esteemed Members of the Committee,

As a producer and fund manager, with international movie finance and distribution expertise, who has been working with difficulty to raise capital for three years in order to fund local productions through a new fund, I am in strong support of Bill# HB 2869 HD2.

Working on an international level to bring independent productions to Hawaii, I have experienced, firsthand the attraction that our state holds for producers regardless of the financial incentives. Unfortunately, it has not proved strong enough to coax these productions from locations which offer higher or even slightly higher financial incentives. Locations like the UK, Canada, New Orleans, Michigan and Illinois have won out in my experience.

If our incentives were raised another 10%, along with amendments like those suggested by Ric Galindez to benefit local workers, I believe Hawaii would see a significant rise in incoming productions as well as local productions, which we intend to help become consistently profitable through our guidance and high-level network.

Our mission is in line with the state's mission of economic diversification and the development of local talent. We have expertise and resources which can help to make this happen in the film and technology industries, and in my experience, incentives such as these could provide the leverage needed to get past the tipping point and help generate a self-sustaining indigenous film industry.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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Comments:

STRONG SUPPORT for HB2869

ALOHA Senator Carol Fukunaga and Distinguished Members of the Hawaii State Legislature-

I strongly support HB2869 and the growth of the Film/TV & Visual Media are the 21st Century's communication tools and the Literacy of the 21st Century. The Gifts & Talents of our youth and local communities is a perfect fit for the Film Industry!

Supporting a good Film Tax Credit and complimentary Film/TV & Visual/Digital Media training will allow Hawaii to grow high-paying 21st Century Jobs. Hawaii, with our world-class music, dance, story-telling and spectacular scenery could become a Film Industry Center with the right Vision & Support.

Several states have good Film tax credits, Ontario's Film Industry is huge-even though they are in snow half the year and places like the maverick island state of Singapore are rapidly growing their modern Film Industry, understanding the potential for dynamic 21st Century Jobs. Hawaii could have a \$1billion Film Industry revitalizing its economy with good jobs that showcase our local traditions.

However, Film/TV & Digital Media is woefully underfunded in many of our Public Schools. We would like the Film Industry to even more strongly support Film/Digital Media in

our Public Schools, and develop more internship and opportunities for our local High School students.

After two days of filming, the Western Film Company donated \$1000 to the student Kahuku Film Club at Kahuku High School, and their Film Executives came and talked to Kahuku students. More Film/TV Companies, in greater ways need to be supporting our youth and ourschools. Our beautiful coastal Ko'olau Loa district which includes: Kualoa Ranch, Turtle Bay, Kahana Bay, Chinaman's Hat, etc. and is where so many movies and TV series are filmed. However the Digital Media classes at local Kahuku Intermediate & High School and the new little award-winning student Kahuku Film Club www.kahukufilmclub.com still struggling with outdated equipment and facilities.

More FILM/TV & EDUCATION INITIATIVES need support:

i- Greater funding of Digital Media/Film in all Public Schools from the Film Industry

ii-More internships & mentoring for Public School Students. (More & in-depth fieldtrips to Film Productions.)

iii-More Above-the-Line Internships for local High School & College students at Film/TV productions

iv-Support for local youth Music in Film. Support for Local Music at our Public Schools. (Dance in Hawaii is world-class too!)

Thank you for your consideration. And Thank you growing Hawaii's Film Industry and 21st Century Jobs for our communités and our youth.

Sincerely,

KC Connors

Film/Education Community Advocate

"Don't neglect the gifts that are in you." 1 Timothy 4:14