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STATEMENT OF

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BEFORE THE

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Thursday February 23, 2012
9:00 A.M.
State Capitol, Conference Room 211
In consideration of

SB 2947, SD1
RELATING TO TAXATION

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani and members of the committee.

The Department of Business Economic Development and Tourism offers comments on this measure which would require state agencies managing tax credits to provide a report to the department of taxation September 30 each year for the prior fiscal year's activity.

DBEDT currently certifies applications for Act 88, HRS 235-17, the Motion Picture, Television, Digital Media tax credit for the Department of Taxation. DBEDT, through its Creative Industries Division/Hawaii Film Office which administers this program, provides pertinent information as described in this measure. Additional verification of taxpayer information is the responsibility of the Department of Taxation.

DBEDT will continue to provide aggregate data regarding HRS 235-17 and update the legislature annually on the overall estimated production activity and economic impacts of the film, television and digital media industries. We defer to Department of Taxation as to any concerns with the program as outlined in SB 2947, SD1.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this measure.