

LATE TESTIMONY

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Hawaii Actors Network is a great network with awesome members. Hawaii Actors Network with more jobs and more opportunity is SOOOO much better.

Hawaii Actors Network

Actors/Filmmakers Testimony

SB318

To Members of the House of Representatives and Senate of the state of Hawaii:

I'm a Hawaii resident for over 15 years. I have been an actor for 14 years. I have watched our film industry go through many roller coaster rides that is a direct affect to many of Hawaii's actors and filmmakers. 1 ½ year ago I was wondering if there was even enough people in Hawaii interested in a better film industry here. As I did not have the answer I set out to find out on my own. I then started a social network that will be a member driven website that will act as a conduit for Hawaii's entire film industry. Boy was I surprised. Today, that site known as the Hawaii Actors Network is now over 5000 members strong and growing everyday.

Hawaii Actors Network went from a on-line social network to an on-line community almost overnight. This let me know first hand that we needed a better film industry in order to help this newly formed community have a more promising industry.

Here in Hawaii I have noticed that when a child grows up here and go from kindergarten to college they are told that in order to buy a home and raise a family they will have to move to the mainland for more opportunity. Why is this? Hawaii needs a new industry that will provide a safe haven for our next generation to know that when they become adults they are not forced to leave their home.

Now is the time to build an industry that will not only help our current economics, but also provide an industry we can call our own just as it was done many years ago in Hollywood.

After reading SB318 (Hawaii Film Tax Incentive Bill) I immediately saw an opportunity to build an industry that will benefit thousands of people of Hawaii. I understand that some of the dialogue needs to be changed and some things may even need to be added, but we simply cannot afford to do nothing at all. I have been watching the bill in its progression and I want to just say on the behalf of my 5000+ members, please do not let this opportunity slip away from us. I'm humbly asking to continue to work on this bill and keep up the urgency of rebuilding Hawaii's film industry. I strongly feel this is an urgent situation and we should continue to ACT FAST.

Mahalo!

Teddy Wells

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