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Statement of  
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before the  
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**  
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in consideration of  
**SCR 36, SD 1**

REQUESTING DEVELOPMENT OF A PLAN TO EXAMINE THE LONG-TERM USES OF  
THE HAWAII FILM STUDIO DIAMOND HEAD CAMPUS.

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee.

The Department **supports SCR 36, SD 1**, which requests DBEDT to work collaboratively with industry, the University of Hawaii, Kapiolani Community College, the Hawaii Tourism Authority, and community groups, to develop a plan to examine the long-term uses of the Hawaii Film Studio Diamond Head campus.

We appreciate the efforts of the Senate to insert language that calls for the protection of the State's significant investment in this important facility--\$17 million to date. We also appreciate the Senate including in the 2013 supplemental budget the full CIP request of \$3.45 million to protect that investment which will allow DBEDT to provide much-needed repairs, general maintenance and basic improvements to this aging facility.

The Hawaii Film Studio Diamond Head campus will continue to serve as an ideal location for television and commercial productions taking place in the State. Taking into consideration the concerns of community interests in the surrounding neighborhood, the plan will help us better understand the limitations of the current site for feature film productions and potentially identify other possible locations where a much larger, comprehensive facility would be more appropriate.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.