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Statement of  
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Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism  
before the  
**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

Thursday, February 21, 2013  
1:30 p.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 308  
in consideration of

**HB1392, HD1**  
**RELATING TO THE PRESERVATION OF HAWAII'S MOVING IMAGES.**

Chair Luke, Vice Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, and Members of the Committee.

The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) offers comments on HB1392, HD1, which appropriates funds for 'Ulu'ulu: the Henry Ku'ualoha Giugni Moving Image Archive of Hawai'i.

'Ulu'ulu is the first moving image archive of any kind in the State. Housed at the new UH West Oahu Campus Library and accessible online through the 'Ulu'ulu portal, their mission to preserve the cultural and community heritage of our Islands has become one of Hawai'i's greatest historical resources. The late Senator Daniel K. Inouye was instrumental in setting the foundation for the archive by securing Federal funding during the first three years of the project's existence. Ongoing support is needed to ensure the digital preservation of Hawai'i's historical films, videotapes and recordings.

Hawai'i's film history dates back to 1898 when Thomas Edison's cameras captured the first moving images of life in these Islands and this year the State celebrates 100 years of commercial film production in Hawai'i. Passage of HB1392, HD1, helps to preserve Hawai'i's collective cultural memory for today and future generations provided its passage does not adversely impact the priorities of the Executive Budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

## Legislative Testimony

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Testimony Presented Before the  
House Committee on Finance  
February 21, 2013 at 1:30 p.m.  
By Gene I. Awakuni  
Chancellor, University of Hawai'i – West O'ahu

### HB 1392 HD1 – RELATING TO THE PRESERVATION OF HAWAII'S MOVING IMAGES

Chair Luke, Vice Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson and Members of the Committee:

'Ulu'ulu: the Henry Ku'ualoha Giugni (HKG) Moving Image Archive of Hawai'i was designated as the official state archive for moving images under Act 90, SLH 2012. HB1392 HD1 appropriates an unspecified amount of funds for 'Ulu'ulu to support the activities of the moving image archive. ***UH West O'ahu supports HB1392 HD1.***

Over two years ago, UH West O'ahu partnered with the Guigni Archives on creating a central repository of video and film produced by and in Hawai'i that would serve as a valuable resource for the community. The Guigni Archives is now housed in the library of the new UH West O'ahu campus in Kapolei and includes over 11,000 square feet of state of the art archive space, a massive temperature controlled vault and public areas for scholarship, conferences, citizens and tourists wishing to see what Hawai'i once looked like.

We are proud to partner with the HKG Archives to preserve Hawaii's history on video and film and ***we support this measure provided its passage does not compete with other priorities currently in the University's budget.***

In Support of HB1392 HD1 – February 21, 2013

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Honorable Representatives:

It is with great pleasure that I am writing to express my support of HB1392 HD1.

Since I was involved with the initial effort that led to the establishment of this project it has grown superbly under the stewardship of Chris Lee. Today, 'Ulu'ulu: The Henry Ku'ualoha Giugni Moving Image Archive of Hawai'i is a thriving project that is capturing, preserving, and making available all things digital related to the history and culture of Hawai'i. It makes use of the latest, most advanced technologies to achieve this goal.

I strongly urge you to continue support of 'Ulu'ulu, in order to preserve the stories of our past for future generations.

Thank you and sincerely,

Stephen Y. Itoga  
Professor Emeritus, Department of Information & Computer Sciences  
University of Hawaii at Manoa

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Dear Representatives Luke, Nishimoto, and Johanson:

I write to express my support of HB 1392 HD1 relating to the preservation of Hawai'i's moving images.

*'Ulu'ulu: The Henry Ku'ualoha Giugni Moving Image Archive of Hawai'i* is dedicated to the care, preservation, and digitization of film and videotape related to the history and culture of Hawai'i. It is located on the campus of the University of Hawai'i West O'ahu and is also accessible on-line at **uluulu.hawaii.edu** allowing users from around the world to better understand our unique culture.

Please continue to support 'Ulu'ulu, a media library that preserves the stories of our past for future generations. Without these archives, we will continue to lose irreplaceable knowledge of our local history, culture, and events as well as of stories from elsewhere which feature Hawai'i and our people. By contrast, with the archives, we will have a rich, diverse and singular collection, accessible to the public both through on-line access as well as at a physical location that will be the base of scholarly research, artistic creation, cultural reclamation, community continuity, and generational connectivity.

Thank you for your consideration.

Aloha and mahalo,

Mary Bitterman, former director of Hawai'i Public Television (now PBS Hawai'i)  
(Permanent resident of Hawai'i)

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Honorable Representatives:

The Hawai'i Chapter of ARMA (Association of Records Managers and Administrators) recently toured *'Ulu'ulu: The Henry Ku'ualoha Giugni Moving Image Archive of Hawai'i* and we were amazed at what this Archive has accomplished and has to offer. I am writing on behalf of our Chapter and Board of Directors to express our support of HB1392 HD1 relating to the preservation of Hawai'i's moving images.

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Please continue to support *'Ulu'ulu*, a media library that preserves the stories of our past for future generations. The history of Hawai'i and its people need to be preserved for future generations, and *'Ulu'ulu* has a great system in place.

Mahalo nui loa,

Tracie Mukai  
President, ARMA Hawai'i Chapter



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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Leanne Ferrer	Pacific Islanders in Communications	Support	No

Comments: The 'Ulu'ulu archives now houses our video and film collection. It is an invaluable resource to protect the Hawaiian and Pacific Islander stories recorded on our tapes for generations to come. Without the archives who knows how long our small organization would be able to store our tapes and films or if we would be able to keep them in working condition. The staff at Pacific Islanders in Communications feels confident that our collection is secure and will be stored correctly for many years. 'Ulu'ulu must receive funding to keep these precious resources safe.

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Chair Luke, Vice-Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson and Honorable Representatives:

Mahalo for this opportunity to submit testimony in favor of HB 1392 which supports the newly designated official State of Hawai'i moving image archive.

Our consultant hired through a grant from the Department of Education wrote in 2009: ***Most early moving image materials have been discarded or have deteriorated beyond saving. What is left is of paramount importance to preserve regardless of its content.***

Ulu ulu is Hawai'i's first archive dedicated exclusively to the care of our moving image memory. This is important and timely because our films and videos are in a precarious state. With each new paradigm shift in media communication and technology, older formats are neglected, destroyed, or discarded.

In the transition from film to videotape, a large amount of early Hawai'i film was neglected. Coupled with the tropical environment of high temperatures and humidity, the overwhelming majority of film materials have been lost. What is left is of paramount importance to preserve regardless of its content. What we have is a primary educational resource. Through new media, such as iPads, e-text books, laptops and the like, is how our young people consume information. We must embrace these changes and in doing so, our state will become a leader in this digitization effort.

I humbly ask you to support this new media facility – its physical space at UH West Oahu, its invaluable collection and its staff.

Aloha,

Heather H. Giugni  
Producer  
Juniroa Productions Inc.



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support the activities of the moving image  
archive. Effective July 1, 2050.

IN STONG SUPPORT

Chair Luke, Vice Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, Members of the Committee,

I write in strong support for HB 1392 as a private citizen.

In 2012, 'Ulu'ulu: The Henry Ku'uialoha Giugni Moving Image Archive of Hawai'i was designated by the Hawai'i legislature and the Governor as the state's official Moving Image Archive. Now located on the campus of the University of Hawai'i West O'ahu, 'Ulu'ulu is dedicated to the care, preservation, and digitization of film and videotape related to the history and culture of Hawai'i. Over 80% of Hawaii's analogue creative media dating back to the time of Thomas Edison has already been lost to the ravages of our tropical weather, institutional purging and neglect, and the simple fact that the machines used to play these materials are obsolete and not longer being manufactured or repaired. It is a race against time to save what we have.

Fortunately, through the efforts of our highly trained staff, 'Ulu'ulu is fulfilling its unique mission to find, save, and make available our community's rapidly disappearing moving image history. Using state of the art hardware and software, digitized files are made available throughout the islands and globally via a robust, fully searchable web environment at [uluulu.hawaii.edu](http://uluulu.hawaii.edu), the very definition of public access.

Since its founding in 2008 under the auspices of the Academy for Creative Media - University of Hawaii System and with federal grants via Senators Inouye and Akaka, the archive has already achieved the following milestones:

*Hired a Project Consultant* who researched and wrote a 100-page Report on the state of moving image preservation in Hawai'i and created an implementation plan for establishing an archival facility. The report is available at [hkgarchives.org/consultants-report-2009](http://hkgarchives.org/consultants-report-2009)

*Hired a full-time professional staff* including a Head Digital Archivist, Cataloger, and Media Specialist to implement the recommendations from the Consultant's Report. All are graduates of the University of Hawaii, Manoa with degrees from Library and Information Sciences and the Academy for Creative Media, Manoa.

*Completed a Beta Pilot Project* and partnered with local institutions, filmmakers and educators to develop, test and implement standard procedures for the cataloging, preservation, and access of archival moving images and create a representative online digital collection of Hawaiian film and video. Partners include:

The Bishop Museum  
The Center for Labor Education and Research (CLEAR)  
Hawaiian Collection (UH Mānoa Libraries)  
Hula Preservation Society  
Kamakakūokalani Center for Hawaiian Studies (UH Mānoa)  
Lāna'i Culture and Heritage Center  
Lyman Museum and Mission House  
Nā Maka o ka 'Āina  
PBS Hawa'i (KHET).  
Specific Video

*Acquired ten permanent collections* totaling over 17,000 videotapes and films. Our growing list of participants includes:

KHET Hawai'i Public Broadcasting System  
'Iolani Palace  
Juniroa Productions  
Joe Fumio Konno  
KGMB Television  
KITV Television

Pacific Islanders in Communication  
Ted Shibuya  
Toyofuku Family Films  
Victoria Keith Productions

*In 2012 moved operations to a permanent location* at the new University of Hawai'i West O'ahu campus library with 11,000 square feet of state-of-the-art digital archiving facilities including public exhibition space, conference room, guest offices, quarantine intake room, digitization studio, cataloguing, cleaning and archiving area, a dedicated, temperature controlled vault with fire suppression system, best practices hardware (SAMMA System) and soft

It is the only facility of its kind in the Pacific region.

*Preserved and digitized* over 300 hours of culturally rich and historically significant Hawaiian footage and made them available on line.

*Became an approved internship site* for the UH Mānoa Library and Information Sciences Internship Program. Internships are semester-long and provide LIS graduate students with hands-on professional experience in the moving image archives field.

*Launched a freely available public website* at [uluulu.hawaii.edu](http://uluulu.hawaii.edu) where users can search the catalog, watch streaming video clips, browse collection content within staff-curated theme pages, and interact with the archive through social media links. The site receives an average of 2,000 page views per month.

'Ulu'ulu is a unique and progressive legacy project that is just beginning its vital mission to save and make accessible our rich moving image history. It is truly a community effort, joined by an ever growing list of local institutions, filmmakers, and individuals who finally have a place to save, preserve and make accessible for future generations the visual history of our past. We have already successfully leveraged relatively limited resources into a permanent collection in a state of the art facility with a talented young staff at the forefront of this emerging field. 'Ulu'ulu is a priceless asset for the University, the state, our community, and most importantly our keiki.

I humbly ask you to give full consideration to supporting this bill.

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As Head Archivist at 'Ulu'ulu, I have worked closely with the producers, creators, researchers and students of the rich historical footage that is in our collections. I am amazed each day by the images and sounds of Hawai'i that our lab has been able to preserve and digitize and it is a joy for me to be able to share this with others through our website, catalog, tours and presentations.

I am proud of the accomplishments 'Ulu'ulu has achieved since starting operations in 2008 including:

- acquired 10 permanent collections totaling over 17,000 videotapes and films
- moved into our permanent location at the new UH West Oahu campus in Kapolei
- digitized over 300 hours of historical Hawaiian video and film content
- launched a freely available website at [uluulu.hawaii.edu](http://uluulu.hawaii.edu)
- designated as the official state archive for moving images

Please continue to support 'Ulu'ulu, a media library that preserves the stories of our past for future generations.

Thank you sincerely,

Janel Quirante  
Head Archivist, 'Ulu'ulu

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**IN STONG SUPPORT**

Chair Luke, Vice Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, Members of the Committee,

My name is Robbie Omura and am I writing in strong support for HB 1392. As graduate of the Academy for Creative Media at University of Hawaii, Manoa, I take great pride in our mission to perpetuate and share the rich moving image heritage of Hawai'i.

I joined 'Ulu'ulu's efforts in 2010, then working part time as media specialist, digitizing and

managing media files, under the direction of our Head Archivist, Janel Quirante and with Assistant Archivist/Cataloger, Jacob Rosen. Since then we have digitized over 300 hours of video and film, established our archive location at UH West Oahu library, and created our online website, integrated with our robust catalog and video preview clips. Online access is key in today's web and mobile climate. We strive to make all of our content free and accessible to the public, for future generations to come. Please visit our website. It is [uluulu.hawaii.edu](http://uluulu.hawaii.edu).

We truly need your support in saving Hawai'i's history.

We humbly ask you to give full consideration in supporting this bill.

Mahalo,

Robbie Omura/Media Specialist  
'Ulu'ulu- The Henry Ku'ualoha Giugni Moving Image Archive of Hawai'i



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Koa Luke	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Honorable Representatives, I m writing you in support of HB 1392 and Ulu ulu: The Henry Ku ualoha Giugni Moving Image Archive of Hawaii. Ulu ulu s does important work to preserve Hawai i s rich culture. UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization) has recognized the importance of film preservation and states: "Transcending language and cultural boundaries, appealing immediately to the eye and the ear, to the literate and illiterate, audiovisual documents have transformed society by becoming a permanent complement to the traditional written record. However, they are extremely vulnerable and it is estimated that we have no more than 10 to 15 years to transfer audiovisual records to digital to prevent their loss. Much of the world's audiovisual heritage has already been irrevocably lost through neglect, destruction, decay and the lack of resources, skills, and structures, thus impoverishing the memory of mankind. Much more will be lost if stronger and concerted international action is not taken."

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