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Statement of
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Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism
before the

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS, MILITARY, & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
& CULTURE AND THE ARTS**

Wednesday, January 30, 2013

8:30 AM

State Capitol, Conference Room 312

in consideration of

HB799

RELATING TO CREATIVE MEDIA DEVELOPMENT.

Chair Takai, Vice Chair Ito, and Members of the Committee.

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) strongly supports HB799, which amends the existing statute (HRS 235-17) to include Internet-only distribution as a qualified activity; clarifies the definitions of qualified production costs to include state and county facilities location fees as non-qualified expenditures, extends the sunset date for Act 88 (HRS 235-17) from January 1, 2016 to January 1, 2025, and raises the existing production credit cap from \$8 million to \$12 million. In consultation with Department of Taxation (DoTAX), DBEDT agrees to take the lead on reporting requirements as noted in Section 3, Lines 13-7. We therefore request amending the language in Section 3.

From 2006 – 2012, the film production tax credit has helped generate over \$1.4 billion in estimated production revenues with over \$2 billion in estimated economic impact. This program has positioned Hawaii as one of the top destinations for location filming. Together with infrastructure development, HB799 will assist Hawaii in maintaining this reputation, stimulating more direct and indirect spending, creating jobs and growing support businesses statewide. DBEDT and the Hawaii Film Office appreciate the legislature's support to maintain this effective credit which continues to grow our film and digital media sectors.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Hi Mya name is Monica Williams, my daddy was Sgt. Eugene Williams. I want to go to college to get an education so that i can get a good Job. Please support our Bill 159.

Monica Williams
daughter of Sgt. Eugene Williams

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My name is Kailer. My Daddy's name is Keoki Suerth. This bill is important because I want to go to college. My dad joined the military to protect our country and to provide for our family. My mom told me that he wants me to go to college. I want to go to college so I can get a good job and do good things for Hawaii. I want to be an inventor.

Kailer Suerth - 9yrs. old

SSG Keoki Suerth (died April 19, 2007)

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