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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE MOTION PICTURES, DIGITAL MEDIA, AND FILM  
PRODUCTION INCOME TAX CREDIT.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. Section 235-17, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended as follows:

3           1. By amending subsection (d) to read:

4           "(d) To qualify for this tax credit, a production shall:

5           (1) Meet the definition of a qualified production  
6           specified in subsection (1);

7           (2) Have qualified production costs totaling at least  
8           \$200,000;

9           (3) Provide the State, at a minimum, a shared-card, end-  
10           title screen credit, where applicable;

11           (4) Provide evidence of reasonable efforts to hire local  
12           talent and crew; [~~and~~]

13           (5) Provide evidence of financial or in-kind contributions  
14           or educational or workforce development efforts, in  
15           partnership with related local industry labor  
16           organizations, educational institutions, or both,



1 toward the furtherance of the local film and  
2 television and digital media industries[-];

3 (6) Comply with all applicable statutes, ordinances,  
4 rules, and regulations of the federal, state, and  
5 county governments, including but not limited to those  
6 relating to noise, air and water pollution, and public  
7 health safety; and

8 (7) Work with the Hawaii film office and any appropriate  
9 state or county agencies if production takes place on  
10 property under the jurisdiction of a state or county  
11 agency."

12 2. By amending the definition of "qualified production" in  
13 subsection (1) to read:

14 "Qualified production":

15 (1) Means a production, with expenditures in the State,  
16 for the total or partial production of a feature-  
17 length motion picture, short film, made-for-television  
18 movie, commercial, music video, interactive game,  
19 television series pilot, single season (up to  
20 twenty-two episodes) of a television series regularly  
21 filmed in the State (if the number of episodes per  
22 single season exceeds twenty-two, additional episodes



1 for the same season shall constitute a separate  
2 qualified production), television special, single  
3 television episode that is not part of a television  
4 series regularly filmed or based in the State,  
5 national magazine show, or national talk show. For  
6 the purposes of subsections (d) and (j), each of the  
7 aforementioned qualified production categories shall  
8 constitute separate, individual qualified productions;  
9 and

10 (2) Does not include:

- 11 (A) News;
- 12 (B) Public affairs programs;
- 13 (C) Non-national magazine or talk shows;
- 14 (D) Televised sporting events or activities;
- 15 (E) Productions that solicit funds;
- 16 (F) Productions produced primarily for industrial,  
17 corporate, institutional, or other private  
18 purposes; [~~and~~]
- 19 (G) Productions that include any material or  
20 performance prohibited by chapter 712[-]; and
- 21 (H) Productions that are unscripted or reality  
22 television programming."



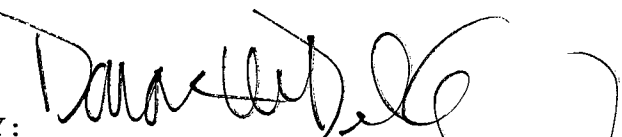
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1 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

3 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

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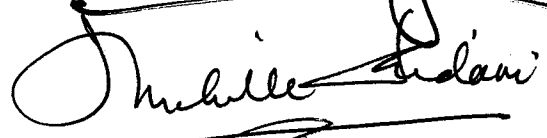
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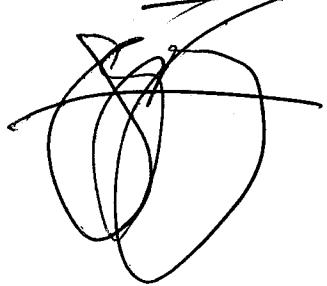














# S.B. NO. 2079

**Report Title:**

Hawaii Film Office; Motion Pictures, Digital Media, and Film Production Income Tax Credit

**Description:**

Requires film productions to comply with federal, state, and county laws in order to be eligible for the motion pictures, digital media, and film production income tax credit. Requires the Hawaii film office to work with the appropriate state or county agency if a film production takes place on state or county property. Prohibits unscripted or reality television programming from qualifying for the tax credit.

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