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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MOVIE THEATERS.

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

- 1           SECTION 1. Chapter 489, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to part I to be appropriately  
3 designated and to read as follows:
- 4           "§489- Motion picture theater accommodation. (a) A  
5 public accommodation that owns, leases, leases to, or operates a  
6 motion picture theater in more than two locations in the State  
7 shall provide open movie captioning during at least two showings  
8 per week of each motion picture that is produced and offered  
9 with open movie captioning.
- 10           (b) A public accommodation that owns, leases, leases to,  
11 or operates a motion picture theater in the State shall provide,  
12 upon request, audio description of any motion picture that is  
13 produced and offered with audio description.
- 14           (c) A violation of this section shall be a discriminatory  
15 practice.
- 16           (d) This section shall apply to motion pictures produced  
17 and distributed with the necessary auxiliary aids and services,



1 including captioning and audio description. This section shall  
2 not prohibit the showing of a motion picture that is produced  
3 and distributed without captioning and audio description;  
4 provided that a public accommodation that owns, leases, leases  
5 to, or operates a motion picture theater shall provide notice to  
6 the public if a motion picture offered for viewing is produced  
7 and distributed without captioning or audio description.

8 (e) For the purposes of this section, "motion picture  
9 theater" means a movie theater, screening room, or other venue  
10 in use primarily for the exhibition of a motion picture."

11 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

12 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2030.



**Report Title:**

Motion Picture Theaters; Accommodation; Open Movie Captioning;  
Audio Description

**Description:**

Requires movie theaters to provide open movie captioning for at least two showings a week and audio descriptions upon request for all movies for which such accommodations are available and to provide public notice if such accommodations are not available for certain movies. (HB2727 HD1)

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