

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2827
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Economic Development, Environment, and
Technology, to which was referred S.B. No. 2827 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FUNDING FOR CREATIVE MEDIA AND
FILM DEVELOPMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Rename the Hawaii television and film development special fund as the creative media and film infrastructure special fund;
- (2) Broaden the sources of revenue for the creative media and film infrastructure special fund;
- (3) Repeal the Hawaii Television and Film Development Board, which has been inactive for nearly ten years, along with the grant and venture capital programs to be implemented by the Board; and
- (4) Amend the purposes for which the creative media and film infrastructure special fund may be used in order to enable the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to fulfill its statutory duties regarding the film program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and



Tourism; County of Kaua'i Office of Economic Development; and Maui County Film Office.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii's film industry brings in an estimated \$250,000,000 in production revenues per year, providing the State with an estimated economic impact of over \$400,000,000 annually. The Hawaii Film Office in the Creative Industries Division of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism is involved in all aspects of this industry, including fulfilling its statutory duties for film permitting, tax incentive management, and studio operations and management. Your Committee further finds that increased demands on the Hawaii Film Office have stretched already limited staff and resources to capacity, and additional funding and resources are necessary to continue the State's involvement in this high-revenue industry.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development, Environment, and Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2827, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2827, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Economic
Development, Environment, and
Technology,

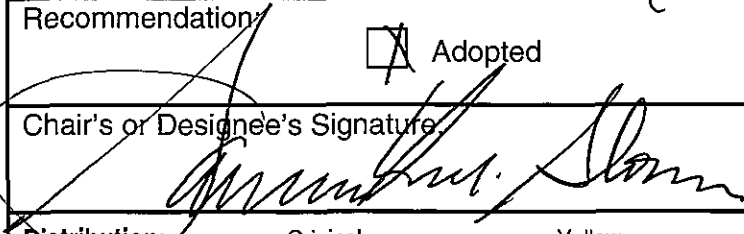


GLENN WAKAI, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 2827	EET, WAM	2/17/16		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310		
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
WAKAI, Glenn (C)	X			
SLOM, Sam (VC)		SLOM	X	
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	X			
ESPERO, Will				X
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	X			
IHARA, Jr., Les	X			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.				X
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	X			
THIELEN, Laura H.	X			
TOTAL	6	0	1	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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