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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MOVIE THEATRES.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 489-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3 "(a) A public accommodation that owns, leases, leases to,  
4 or operates a motion picture theater in more than two locations  
5 in the State shall provide [~~open~~]:

6 (1) Open movie captioning during at least [~~two showings~~]  
7 one showing per week of each motion picture that is  
8 produced and offered with open movie captioning[~~-~~]; or

9 (2) A personal closed captioning system by means of  
10 lightweight eyewear for a motion picture that is  
11 produced and offered with closed captioning content."

12 SECTION 2. Act 39, Session Laws of Hawaii 2015, is amended  
13 by amending section 3 to read as follows:

14 "SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2016,  
15 and shall be repealed on January 1, [~~2018-~~] 2020."

16 SECTION 3. The department of business, economic  
17 development, and tourism shall conduct a survey of the motion



1 picture theaters that are covered by Act 39, Session Laws of  
2 Hawaii 2015, to determine the operational and financial impact  
3 that Act 39 has had on the theaters and any other relevant  
4 matters resulting from that Act. The department shall submit  
5 its findings and recommendations, including necessary proposed  
6 legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior  
7 to the convening of the regular session of 2018.

8 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
9 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

10 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



**Report Title:**

Motion Picture Theater Accommodation; Closed Captioning; Open  
Movie Captioning; Audio Description

**Description:**

Provides for the use of personal closed captioning systems as an  
alternative means of ensuring that closed captioning is provided  
by movie theatres with at least two locations. Extends the  
sunset date of the law that requires closed captioning at such  
movie theatres and requires a study of the impact of that law.  
(HB475 CD1)

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