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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND
TOURISM TO CREATE A PLAN TO DEVELOP THE WEST OAHU CREATIVE
LAB AND TO RELOCATE THE HAWAII FILM STUDIO TO WEST OAHU AND
URGING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII BOARD OF REGENTS TO APPROVE
A CERTAIN TRANSFER OF LAND.

1 WHEREAS, Waianae High School offers the Searider Production
2 Program, which strives to create an integrated educational
3 approach to visual media and media industry, and creatively
4 converge stories, culture, and community; and
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6 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii West Oahu offers a
7 bachelor's degree in creative media, which opens the door to
8 careers in graphic and web design, digital video production, and
9 other digital media outlets; and
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11 WHEREAS, there are few opportunities in West Oahu for
12 graduates in creative media programs to become employed; and
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14 WHEREAS, Act 124, Session Laws of Hawaii 2016, the State's
15 supplemental budget, appropriated \$17,000,000 to the University
16 of Hawaii West Oahu, contingent upon approval by the Board of
17 Regents of the University of Hawaii by January 1, 2018, of the
18 transfer of 30 acres, but no more than 50 acres, to the High
19 Technology Development Corporation; and
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21 WHEREAS, the High Technology Development Corporation
22 intends to establish the West Oahu Creative Lab upon receipt of
23 the acreage referenced in Act 124, Session Laws of Hawaii 2016;
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26 WHEREAS, the West Oahu Creative Lab would act as a creative
27 media and film studio developed through public-private
28 partnerships; and
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1 WHEREAS, the establishment of the West Oahu Creative Lab
 2 would provide an ideal location for the Hawaii Film Studio,
 3 which is currently located in Diamond Head and is the only
 4 state-owned and state-operated film studio in the country,
 5 provides a secure, air-conditioned shooting environment within
 6 Honolulu and has served as the headquarters for television shows
 7 and films such as Hawaii Five-0; Magnum, P.I.; Lost; Fifty First
 8 Dates; The Rundown; and Blue Crush; and
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10 WHEREAS, the West Oahu Creative Lab and the re-location of
 11 the Hawaii Film Studio would promote growth in the business of
 12 creative media and film; attract international investments into
 13 the area; and, most importantly, provide local graduates who
 14 studied film programs in West Oahu an opportunity to obtain
 15 employment in their field and to live, learn, work, and thrive
 16 in the community; now, therefore,
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18 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth
 19 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017, the
 20 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
 21 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism is urged to create a
 22 plan to develop the West Oahu Creative Lab and to relocate the
 23 Hawaii Film Studio to West Oahu; and
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii Board
 26 of Regents is urged to approve the transfer of at least 30
 27 acres, but not more than 50 acres, to the High Technology
 28 Development Corporation upon the development of the plan to
 29 develop the West Oahu Creative Lab and to relocate the Hawaii
 30 Film Studio to West Oahu; and
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 33 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
 34 Board of Regents at the University of Hawaii and the Director of
 35 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.
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