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## SENATE 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;  
24 and  
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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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30           WHEREAS, the establishment of the West Oahu Creative Lab  
31 would provide an ideal location for the Hawaii Film Studio,  
32 which is currently located in Diamond Head and is the only  
33 state-owned and state-operated film studio in the country,



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1 provides a secure, air-conditioned shooting environment within  
 2 Honolulu and has served as the headquarters for television shows  
 3 and films such as Hawaii Five-0; Magnum, P.I.; Lost; Fifty First  
 4 Dates; The Rundown; and Blue Crush; and  
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6 WHEREAS, the West Oahu Creative Lab and the re-location of  
 7 the Hawaii Film Studio would promote growth in the business of  
 8 creative media and film; attract international investments into  
 9 the area; and, most importantly, provide local graduates who  
 10 studied film programs in West Oahu an opportunity to obtain  
 11 employment in their field and to live, learn, work, and thrive  
 12 in the community; now, therefore,  
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14 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth  
 15 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017,  
 16 that the Department of Business, Economic Development, and  
 17 Tourism is urged to create a plan to develop the West Oahu  
 18 Creative Lab and to relocate the Hawaii Film Studio to West  
 19 Oahu; and  
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii Board  
 22 of Regents is urged to approve the transfer of at least 30  
 23 acres, but not more than 50 acres, to the High Technology  
 24 Development Corporation upon the development of the plan to  
 25 develop the West Oahu Creative Lab and to relocate the Hawaii  
 26 Film Studio to West Oahu; and  
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 29 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of  
 30 Regents at the University of Hawaii and the Director of  
 31 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.  
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