
SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND
TOURISM TO CREATE A PLAN TO DEVELOP THE WEST OAHU CREATIVE
LAB MEDIA/FILM STUDIO COMPLEX AND TO RELOCATE THE HAWAII
FILM STUDIO TO THE COMPLEX 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 Media/Film
23 Studio Complex upon receipt of the acreage referenced in Act
24 124, Session Laws of Hawaii 2016; and

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26 WHEREAS, the West Oahu Creative Lab Media/Film Studio
27 Complex would act as a creative media and film studio developed
28 through public-private partnerships; and

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

