

HB475 HD1 SD1

Measure Title:	RELATING TO MOVIE THEATRES.
Report Title:	Motion Picture Theater Accommodation; Open Movie Captioning; Audio Description
Description:	Removes the sunset date of Act 39, Session Laws of Hawaii 2015, thereby making permanent the requirements for a public accommodation that owns, leases, leases to, or operates a motion picture theater in more than two locations in the State to provide open movie captioning during at least two showings per week of each motion picture that is produced and offered with open movie captioning and audio descriptions upon request for all motion pictures for which such accommodations are available and provide public notice if such accommodations are not available for certain movies. (SD1)
Companion:	SB1156
Package:	None
Current Referral:	ETT, CPH/JDL
Introducer(s):	TOKIOKA, AQUINO, BROWER, CHOY, DECOITE, HAR, HASHEM, ICHIYAMA, ING, ITO, KONG, MORIKAWA, NAKAMURA, ONISHI, SAY, SOUKI, TAKAYAMA, YAMASHITA, Saiki



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Statement of
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before the

**COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH
COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR**

Wednesday March 29, 2017

9:00 AM

State Capitol, Conference Room 016

In consideration of
HB 475, HD1, SD1
RELATING TO MOVIE THEATRES

Chairs Baker and Keith-Agaran, Vice Chairs Nishihara and Rhoads, and Members of the Senate Committees on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health, and Judiciary and Labor.

The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) **supports** HB 475, HD1, SD1, which would make permanent the requirements that a public accommodation that owns, leases, leases to or operates a motion picture theatre in more than two locations in the State must, under certain conditions, provide open movie captioning and audio description upon request of any motion picture that is produced and offered with audio description.

Since January 1, 2016, through open captioning, members of our community have been able to enjoy films exhibited with these audio and visual enhancements, and experience them along with the general public.

Act 39, L. 2015 has been successfully implemented by Hawaii movie theatres. Sec 3 of Act 39 includes a sunset provision that provides for the repeal of the Act on January 1, 2018.

HB 475, HD1, SD1, would extend the sunset date and make permanent the requirements.

We thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION AND HEALTH, AND JUDICIARY AND LABOR

House Bill 475, HD1, SD1 – Relating to Movie Theaters

The Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) supports House Bill 475, HD1, SD1. The purpose of House Bill 475, HD1, SD1 is to remove the sunset date of Act 39, Session Laws of Hawaii 2015, thereby making permanent the requirements for a public accommodation that owns, leases, leases to, or operates a motion picture theater in more than two locations in the State to provide open movie captioning during at least two showings per week of each motion picture that is produced and offered with open movie captioning and audio descriptions upon request for all motion pictures for which such accommodations are available and provide public notice if such accommodations are not available for certain movies.

Senate Draft 1 would address the discriminatory effects of communication barriers at movie theaters encountered by individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing by making the requirement to offer open captioned movies in Hawaii permanent. This law would afford individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing an equal opportunity to attend open captioned movies and follow both the audio and visual aspects of movies exhibited in motion pictures similar to members of the general public. After a year of offering open captioned movies, local motion picture theaters should realize that providing people the opportunity to view movies with their family and friends improves access to their services for everyone.

We ask that you pass this bill out of Committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,

BARBARA FISCHLOWITZ-LEONG
Chairperson
Legislative Committee

FRANCINE WAI
Executive Director



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March 29, 2017

The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection,
and Health

The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Twenty-Ninth Legislature
State Capitol
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Baker, Senator Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: HB 475 HD1 SD1 - Relating to Movie Theaters

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities **SUPPORTS HB 475 HD1 SD1**. The bill removes the sunset date of Act 39, Session Laws of Hawaii 2015, thereby making permanent the requirements for a public accommodation that owns, leases, leases to, or operates a motion picture theater in more than two locations in the State to provide open movie captioning during at least two showings per week of each motion picture that is produced and offered with open movie captioning and audio descriptions upon request for all motion pictures for which such accommodations are available and provide public notice if such accommodations are not available for certain movies.

The Council appreciates the bill being amended back to its original form. Open movie captioning provides a display of text on a screen or other visual display that provides additional or interpretive information of what is being presented. Furthermore, it has resulted in positive benefits of providing access for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing to enjoy movies in a similar manner as those who do not require open movie captioning.

The passage of this bill would provide permanency in providing motion picture theater accommodations, such as open movie captioning.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony **supporting HB 475 HD1 SD1**.

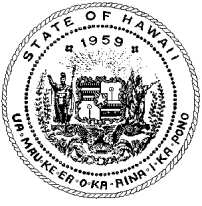
Sincerely,

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Waynette K.Y. Cabral, MSW
Executive Administrator

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Josephine C. Woll
Chair



HAWAI‘I CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION

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March 29, 2017
Rm. 016, 9:00 a.m.

To: The Honorable Rosalyn Baker, Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer
Protection and Health

The Honorable Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

From: Linda Hamilton Krieger, Chair
and Commissioners of the Hawai‘i Civil Rights Commission

Re: H.B. No. 475 H.D.1, S.D.1

The Hawai‘i Civil Rights Commission (HCRC) has enforcement jurisdiction over Hawai‘i’s laws prohibiting discrimination in public accommodations, HRS chapter 489, including § 489-9, requires movie theaters to provide open captioning during at least two showings per week of each motion picture that is produced and offered with open captioning, and also requires movie theaters to provide audio description upon request of any motion picture that is produced and offered with audio description.

HRS §489-9 was added to chapter 489 by the enactment of Act 39, L. 2015, effective January 1, 2016, and has been successfully implemented by Hawai‘i movie theaters.

Section 3 of Act 39 includes a “drop dead” or “sunset” provision that provides for the repeal of the Act on January 1, 2018.

H.B. No. 475 H.D.1, S.D.1 would delete the “sunset” provision of Act 39. This makes sense, because the state law accessibility requirements go beyond those provided in the U.S. Department of Justice final rules, effective January 17, 2017. The federal rules provide only for closed captioning, without requiring any showings with open captioning. For this reason, HRS § 489-9 continues to provide meaningful accessibility, even after the federal rules have gone into effect.

The HCRC supports H.B. No. 475 H.D.1, S.D.1.

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HB475

Submitted on: 3/28/2017

Testimony for CPH/JDL on Mar 29, 2017 09:00AM in Conference Room 016

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Colin Whited	The Georgia E. Morikawa Center (GEM)	Support	No

Comments: It is on behalf of the Georgia E. Morikawa Center (GEM) that I submit this testimony in strong support of House Bill 475, HD1, SD1 relating to open captioning at motion picture theatres. This measure will impact a significant number of Hawaii's residents and visitors. According to a study released by Johns Hopkins University in 2011, "Nearly a fifth of all Americans 12 years or older have hearing loss so severe that it may make communication difficult." Please accept my unwavering support of this bill on behalf of GEM, and pass House Bill 475, HD1, SD1 as currently written.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Susan Kroe-Unabia	Isle Interpret, LLC	Support	No

Comments: We support this measure.

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Senator Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran
Chair, Judicial and Labor
Hawaii State Capitol
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415 South Beretania Street
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Dear Senator Rosalyn Baker and Senator Keith-Agaran,

My name is Brian Nakamoto. I am writing this testimony to express my voice in support of HB475 HD1 SD1. I am in support to abolish the established sunset date from the open-captioning law, which will make the open-captioning movies to be available at the theaters in the State of Hawai'i permanently available. I have enjoyed watching open-captioning movies provided by the theaters because of the experience of not wearing special devices have helped me to appreciate the film more than ever, given that I already had the prescription glasses. It was always a hassle when I wear that special devices in conjunction with my existing prescription glasses. Also, I did not have to wait for the cashier to get the special device when there is an open-captioning movie available.

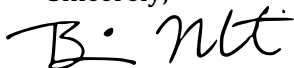
I am pleased about the fact that we are the first state in the United States of America to provide open-captioned films in all movie theaters instead of having to wear closed captioning devices such as glasses, or a rear-view plastic panel mounted on a flexible stalk to view the captioning, and other types of closed captioning devices. I would like to go to a movie theater with open-captioning displayed on the screen without using any type of captioning devices.

The Deaf and Hard of Hearing people should not be forced to wear or use special equipment to read the captioning ever again. Open-captioning provides equal access to watching movies in a more similar approach as those hearing people who watch movies with audio. Equality of accessibility is the key phrase.

Hearing people are not required to wear or use special devices to listen and watch the movie. Why should we if they do not need to? The passage of House Bill HB475 HD1 SD1 will provide equal accessibility to movie theaters for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. I also support equal accessibility for the Blind to movies theaters as well.

Thank you for your time and consideration about this House Bill HB475 HD1 SD1.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "B. Nakamoto". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Brian Nakamoto
Pearl City, Hawai'i

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Senator Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith Agaran
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Dear Senator Baker and Senator Keith Agaran,

My name is Patty Sakal. I am writing this testimony in support of HB475 HD1 SD1. I am in support to delete the sunset date from the open-captioning law. I have enjoyed watching open captioning movies. Although I am hearing and do not need to access the movies via a device, I do have Deaf friends who do. Before the passage of this bill in 2016, the only way for Deaf and Hard of hearing to have access to “blockbuster” movies was to use very cumbersome, annoying, and “in the way of soda and popcorn” devices that made them stand out as disabled. For the past year Deaf and hard of hearing in Hawaii have enjoyed the freedom of going to movies that are scheduled more often, they don't need to “stand out” and be singled out as disabled because they're needing extra equipment in order to have access, and they have dignity of equality in the movie theatre. Deaf and hard of hearing people I know don't really want to stand out and look different than anyone else in line to see a movie. This also can pose a risk for anyone who'd like to take advantage of their deafness during or after movie. Think about it.

With technology advancements, it shouldn't difficult for the movie industry to automatically make films with open captioning! Foreign filmmakers do it all the time. Theatres should see this population as added business and cease the moment by continuing open captioning at their theaters. It is absurd to retract the “open caption” law and go back to the days of having to wear those clumsy glasses and or the readable notebook that isn't even anywhere near the screen. The benefits of equal access to the Deaf and Hard of hearing far outweigh the minor inconveniences that may be claimed by parties in opposition to this bill's passage.

Sincerely,

Patty Sakal
Aiea, Hawaii

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HB475

Submitted on: 3/27/2017

Testimony for CPH/JDL on Mar 29, 2017 09:00AM in Conference Room 016

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carie Sarver	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a Sign Language Interpreter I am in support of removing the sunset date and permanently requiring theaters to provide open movie captioning during at least two showings per week of each motion picture. I have seen first hand the frustrations of my Deaf friends having to deal with relying on bulky goggles or mirrors in order to access the content of movies while hearing patrons simply purchase their tickets and enjoy the show. One shouldn't have to work to appreciate a film which they have paid money to see. I respectfully ask that the sunset date be removed. Mahalo. Carie Sarver Honolulu resident

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bowe Lani	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am hard of hearing and rely on open captioned movies to enjoy going to the movies with my family like all other families. Please remove the sunset date so we will always have the ability to attend open captioned movies at the theatres. Mahalo, Bowe Lani

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March 2017

Dear Senator Baker and Senator Keith Agaran,

My name is Peggy Liang. I am writing this testimony in support of HB475 HD1 SD1. I am in support to delete the sunset date from the open-captioning law. I have enjoyed watching open captioning movies. The experience of not wearing special devices have helped me to appreciate the film. I did not have to wait for the cashier to get the special device.

I am pleased of the fact that we are the first state to provide open-captioned films in all movie theaters instead of having to wear closed captioning devices such as glasses, or a rear-view plastic panel mounted on a flexible stalk to view the captioning, and other types of closed captioning devices. I would like to go to a movie theater with open captioning displayed on the screen without a device.

The Deaf and Hard of Hearing should not be forced to wear or use special equipment to read the captioning ever again. Open captioning provides equal access to watching movies just like hearing people watch movies with audio.

Hearing people are not required to wear or use special devices to listen and watch the movie. The passage of House Bill HB475 HD1 SD1 will provide equal access to movie theaters for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. I also support equal access for the Blind to movies theaters.

Sincerely,

Peggy Liang
Honolulu, HI

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Kevin Bernadt, MBA,DI

PO Box 283183

Honolulu, Hawaii 96828

TO: HB475 HD1 SD1 TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE,
CONSUMER PROTECTION, and HEALTH and JUDICIAL and LABOR

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FROM: Kevin Bernadt, Deaf Community Member

HEARING: Wednesday, March 29, 2017, 9:00 a.m. PLACE: Conference Room 016

RE: **SUPPORT, HB 475, HD1, SD1 (companion bill, SB1156)**, Relating to MOVIE THEATRES

Dear Senator Baker and Senator Keith Agaran,

As a Deaf interpreter working in Hawaii, and as a member of the Deaf Community voters whom are directly impacted by this Bill, I do agree that hearing aids are essential to this unique population. They are used for many people in their daily activities. One of the challenges we users face simply is the unfettered market cost explosion of hearing aids across the state. **I strongly support HB 475, HD1, SD1 and the companion bill, SB1156** eliminating the sunset date from the open-captioning law.

I have enjoyed watching open captioning movies. The experience of not wearing special devices have helped me to appreciate the film. I did not have to wait for the cashier to get the special device.

I am pleased of the fact that Hawaii was the first state to provide open-captioned films in all movie theaters instead of having to wear closed captioning devices such as glasses, or a rear-view plastic panel mounted on a flexible stalk to view the captioning, and other types of closed captioning devices. I would like to go to a movie theater with open captioning displayed on the screen without a device.

The Deaf and Hard of Hearing should not be forced to wear or use special equipment to read the captioning ever again. Open captioning provides equal access to watching movies just like hearing people watch movies with audio.

Hearing people are not required to wear or use special devices to listen and watch the movie. The passage of HB 475, HD1, SD1 and the companion bill, SB1156 will provide equal access to movie theaters for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. I also support equal access for the Blind to movies theaters.

I ask the committee to vote in **support HB 475, HD1, SD1 and the companion bill, SB1156** that establishes hearing aid coverage; a measure that the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community and voters support and need.

Mahalo,
Kevin Bernadt, MBA, Deaf Community Member

Honolulu, Hawaii

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Laura Safranski	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Dear Senator Baker and Senator Keith Agaran,

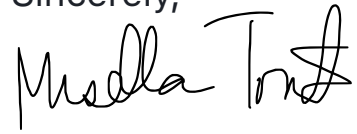
My name is Misella Tomita. I am writing this testimony in support of **HB475 HD1 SD1**. I am in **support** to delete the sunset date from the open-captioning law. I have enjoyed watching open captioning movies. The experience of not wearing special devices have helped me to appreciate the film. I did not have to wait for the cashier to get the special device.

I am pleased of the fact that we are the first state to provide open-captioned films in all movie theaters instead of having to wear closed captioning devices such as glasses, or a rear-view plastic panel mounted on a flexible stalk to view the captioning, and other types of closed captioning devices. I would like to go to a movie theater with open captioning displayed on the screen without a device.

The Deaf and Hard of Hearing should not be forced to wear or use special equipment to read the captioning ever again. Open captioning provides equal access to watching movies just like hearing people watch movies with audio. Hearing people are not required to wear or use special devices to listen and watch the movie.

The passage of House Bill HB475 HD1 SD1 will provide equal access to movie theaters for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. I also support equal access for the Blind to movies theaters.

Sincerely,

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Misella Tomita
Honolulu, HI

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lynn Murakami-Akatsuka	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support the passage of HB 475, HD1,SD 1 of this important bill. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mike Golojuch	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support HB475 to Remove the sunset date of Act 39, Session Laws of Hawaii 2015.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Eileen Chiwa	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please remove the sunset date, so that the deaf community can FULLY enjoy the open-captioned movies permanently without having to wear special (heavy) goggles or devices for hearing-impaired. Thank you for your attention.

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REGULAR SESSION OF 2017
COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND
HEALTH

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

DATE: Wednesday, March 29, 2017

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Conference Room 016

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

HB 475, HD1, SD1 (SSCR969) - RELATING TO MOVIE THEATRES.

Removes the sunset date of Act 39, Session Laws of Hawaii 2015, thereby making permanent the requirements for a public accommodation that owns, leases, leases to, or operates a motion picture theater in more than two locations in the State to provide open movie captioning during at least two showings per week of each motion picture that is produced and offered with open movie captioning and audio descriptions upon request for all motion pictures for which such accommodations are available and provide public notice if such accommodations are not available for certain movies. (SD1) ETT, CPH/JDL
Madam Chair, Members - I would like to STRONGLY SUPPORT the removal of the sunset date of Act 39, Session Laws of Hawaii, to make open movie captioning a requirement for at least 2 showings per week in order to provide public accommodation for our immigrant residents learning English, senior citizens losing their hearing and just regular folks who may miss dialogue often having them ask their Companion what was said.

Mahalo for providing access to all residents in the State of Hawaii.

Sincerely,
Eleanor Macdonald