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Committee on Economic Development, Tourism and Technology  
Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair  
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair

RE: SB 905 RELATING TO FUNDING FOR CREATIVE MEDIA AND FILM DEVELOPMENT

Date: Monday, February 13, 2017  
Time: 1:15 p.m.  
Conference Room 414  
State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street, Honolulu, HI

Aloha Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi and Members of the Committee,

We are the representatives of the film and entertainment industry unions, Brenda Ching, SAG-AFTRA Hawaii Local, Irish Barber, I.A.T.S.E. Local 665, Steve Pearson, American Federation of Musicians' Local 677 and Wayne Kaululaau, Hawaii Teamsters & Allied Workers Local 996. Collectively, we represent over 1700 members who work in film, television and new media productions as performers, crew, musicians and drivers in Hawaii.

We **support** SB 905 which amends § 201-113, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to expend funding sources to support creative media industries development within the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism and repeals § 201-111, 201-112, and 201-114, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

We appreciate the legislature's strong support of creative industries. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to offer testimony on this measure.

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SAG-AFTRA Hawaii

Irish Barber  
I.A.T.S.E. Local 665

Steve Pearson  
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Wayne Kaululaau  
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Aloha Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi and Members of the Committee,

**We support SB 905**, which seeks to o expand funding sources to support creative industries development within the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

We have been working in Hawaii's film and television industry since 2001, starting as attorneys at the Hawaii law firm of Goodsill Anderson Quinn & Stifel where we represented local, independent and studio clients alike (including the hit ABC series "Lost" and the Fox series "North Shore"). Since our formation of Island Film Group in 2007, we have been working full-time as producers of feature films such as "Princess Kaiulani" and "Soul Surfer", network and cable television movies and series such as "Beyond the Break" for the N Network, as well as local, national and international commercial productions.

**The State Film Office is critical to the continued success of our local film and television industry.**

As our film and television industry grows, resulting in increased studio rental fees, increased permit fees and increased tax credit applications, all of which require more work on the part of the State Film Office, these fees should go back to the department that is generating these fees and supporting this important part of our economy.

Me ke aloha,

Roy Tjioe and Ricardo Galindez  
Co-Founders  
Island Film Group  
Honolulu, Hawaii