

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 622

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 15, 2019

RE: H.B. No. 773  
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2019  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Economic Development & Business, to which was referred H.B. No. 773 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish the Office of Creative Media Industries Hawaii (Office), and provide that the Hawaii Film Office shall be an agency of the Office;
- (2) Rename the Hawaii Television and Film Development Board as the Creative Industries Hawaii Advisory Group;
- (3) Rename the Hawaii Television and Film Development Special Fund as the Creative Media and Film Infrastructure Special Fund;
- (4) Expand funding sources for the Creative Media and Film Infrastructure Special Fund (Fund) to support creative industries development within the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism (DBEDT);



- (5) Amend the purposes for which the Creative Media and Film Infrastructure Special Fund may be used;
- (6) Establish and appropriate funds for positions; and
- (7) Appropriate funds for operations and programs.

The University of Hawai'i System and O'ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i testified in support of this measure. DBEDT and Screen Actors Guild - American Federation of Television and Radio Artists provided comments on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Renaming the Office as the Office of Creative Film and Media Industries Hawaii;
- (2) Providing that the Hawaii Film Office and the Arts and Culture Development Branch shall be agencies of the Office;
- (3) Specifying that the Office shall include an administrative officer; an accountant for the film tax credit program; a general professional position for infrastructure, creative ecosystems, and workforce development; and a film industry development specialist;
- (4) Requiring Hawaii Film Office employees to be transferred to the Office without any consequence to their employment benefits or status;
- (5) Defining "creative industries" and "creative media";
- (6) Renaming the Fund as the Creative Film and Media Development Special Fund, and expanding the uses of the Fund to support creative intellectual property and related infrastructure development within DBEDT;
- (7) Deleting any language that amends the Hawaii Television and Film Development Board;
- (8) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2112; and



- (9) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development & Business that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 773, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 773, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Economic  
Development & Business,



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ANGUS L.K. McKELVEY, Chair



