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Statement of
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before the
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE



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State Capitol, Conference Room 308

In consideration of
HB 2299, HD1
**RELATING TO THE HAWAII FILM AND CREATIVE INDUSTRIES
DEVELOPMENT SPECIAL FUND.**

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and members of the Committee.

The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) supports HB 2299, HD1, which addresses necessary language to allow appropriation out of the Hawaii Film and Creative Industries Development special fund to allow the department to collect and expend funds for the purposes as noted in Act 228, Session Laws of Hawaii 2019.

The Act did not include an appropriation into or out of the Special Fund by the Department, prohibiting the expenditure of any monies from the Special fund. Language which addresses an appropriation out of the Act is necessary so that any grants or contributions, as well as any appropriations received by the Department that are deposited into the Special Fund may be expended.

We respectfully request your consideration of including annual appropriation language of \$500,000 out of the Hawaii Film and Creative Industries Development Special Fund for the purposes of this Act.

DBEDT and its Creative Industries Division appreciates the Legislature's support of these industries, which are a key facet of Hawaii's innovation and media sector development.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.