
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE STATE SUSTAINABILITY COORDINATOR TO WORK WITH THE
STATE AND COUNTY FILM OFFICES TO DEVELOP PROTOCOLS TO
ENSURE THAT FILM AND TELEVISION PRODUCTIONS IN HAWAII ARE
UTILIZING SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES.

1 WHEREAS, the production of films and television programs
2 continues to be a lucrative industry in Hawaii; and
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4 WHEREAS, in the 2019 calendar year, the film and television
5 industry in Hawaii:
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7 (1) Spent an estimated \$405 million in production
8 expenditures;
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10 (2) Significantly impacted local employment, by creating a
11 total of 3,303 jobs; and
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13 (3) Generated an estimated:
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15 (A) \$707 million in economic impact; and
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17 (B) \$43.7 million in tax revenues; and
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19 WHEREAS, single use plastics are often used for food,
20 beverages, and other essentials in accommodating large groups of
21 performers and crew members working on film and television
22 productions; and
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24 WHEREAS, there is a growing number of advocates from the
25 global entertainment industry calling for a reduction and
26 eventual ban on single-use plastics on the sets and offices of
27 film and television productions; and
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1 WHEREAS, plastic is one of Earth's most persistent
2 pollutants and has a substantial global effect on climate
3 change; and
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5 WHEREAS, according to a 2014 report by PGA Green, a
6 nonprofit formed by the Producers Guild of America, the average
7 cost to provide water on the set of a film or television
8 production for sixty days could fall from \$11,175 to about
9 \$5,489 if reusable supplies, such as water coolers and reusable
10 bottles, were used instead of single-use plastic water bottles;
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13 WHEREAS, encouraging the film and television industry in
14 Hawaii to shift to alternatives to single-use plastics is
15 consistent with the goals of the State's 2050 Sustainability
16 Plan; and
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18 WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of state and county film
19 offices to issue permits and provide information to filmmakers
20 and television producers working on film and television
21 productions in Hawaii; and
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23 WHEREAS, providing information related to using single-use
24 plastic alternatives and other sustainable practices to
25 filmmakers and producers during the permitting process will
26 promote sustainability across the growing film and television
27 industry in Hawaii; now, therefore,
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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
30 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022, the
31 House of Representatives concurring, that the State
32 Sustainability Coordinator is urged to work with state and
33 county film offices to develop protocols to ensure that film and
34 television productions in Hawaii are utilizing sustainable
35 practices; and
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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
38 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the State Sustainability
39 Coordinator, Hawaii State Film Commissioner, and film
40 commissioners at the Honolulu Film Office, Maui County Film
41 Office, Hawaii Island Film Office, and Kauai Film Commission.

