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SENATE 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.

WHEREAS, the production of films and television programs
continues to be a lucrative industry in Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, in the 2019 calendar year, the film and television
industry in Hawaii:

(1) Spent an estimated \$405 million in production
expenditures;

(2) Significantly impacted local employment, by creating a
total of 3,303 jobs; and

(3) Generated an estimated:

(A) \$707 million in economic impact; and

(B) \$43.7 million in tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, single use plastics are often used for food,
beverages, and other essentials in accommodating large groups of
performers and crew members working on film and television
productions; and

WHEREAS, there is a growing number of advocates from the
global entertainment industry calling for a reduction and
eventual ban on single-use plastics on the sets and offices of
film and television productions; and

WHEREAS, plastic is one Earth's most persistent pollutants
and has a substantial global effect on climate change; and

WHEREAS, according to a 2014 report by PGA Green, a
nonprofit formed by the Producers Guild of America, the average
cost to provide water on the set of a film or television



1 production for sixty days could fall from \$11,175 to about
2 \$5,489 if reusable supplies, such as water coolers and reusable
3 bottles, were used instead of single-use plastic water bottles;
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6 WHEREAS, encouraging the film and television industry in
7 Hawaii to shift to alternatives to single-use plastics is
8 consistent with the goals of the State's 2050 Sustainability
9 Plan; and

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11 WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of state and county film
12 offices to issue permits and provide information to filmmakers
13 and television producers working on film and television
14 productions in Hawaii; and

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16 WHEREAS, providing information related to using single-use
17 plastic alternatives and other sustainable practices to
18 filmmakers and producers during the permitting process will
19 promote sustainability across the growing film and television
20 industry in Hawaii; now, therefore,

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22 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
23 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022,
24 that the State Sustainability Coordinator is urged to work with
25 state and county film offices to develop protocols to ensure
26 that film and television productions in Hawaii are utilizing
27 sustainable practices; and

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
30 Resolution be transmitted to the State Sustainability
31 Coordinator, Hawaii State Film Commissioner, and film
32 commissioners at the Honolulu Film Office, Maui County Film
33 Office, Hawaii Island Film Office, and Kauai Film Commission.

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