

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

144

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 10 , 2021

RE: H.B. No. 507
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Economic Development, to which was referred
H.B. No. 507 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEDIA,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require the Department of
Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to establish a fixed
royalty payment to the State for the filming of scenic shots of
iconic locations in the State that are subsequently featured in
media for production purposes.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from one individual. Your Committee received testimony in
opposition to this measure from the Motion Picture Association,
Inc.; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on
this measure from the Department of Business, Economic
Development, and Tourism.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii has a unique landscape and
natural environment that results in Hawaii being a very desirable
and popular film location. Hawaii also offers many convenient and
diverse filming opportunities for the filming industry. This
measure ensures that the State's beautiful and iconic locations
are protected and preserved by appropriately compensating the
State for the use of these locations.

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Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Exempting state and county productions from paying royalties for the use of scenic shots of iconic locations in the State; and
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 507, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 507, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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



SEAN QUINLAN, Chair

