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TESTIMONY BY CRAIG K. HIRAI
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TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
ON
HOUSE BILL NO. 1983

February 11, 2022
10:00 a.m.
Room 312 and Videoconference

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,
AND TOURISM

The Department of Budget and Finance (B&F) offers comments on this bill.

House Bill No. 1983 establishes a state film coordinator (SFC) position within the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) to review, approve, and issue permits to film in the State; appropriates an unspecified amount of general funds for FY 23 for the position; and replaces all references to DBEDT with SFC.

B&F notes that, with respect to the general fund appropriation in this bill, the federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act requires that states receiving Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) II funds and Governor's Emergency Education Relief II funds must maintain state support for:

- Elementary and secondary education in FY 22 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for elementary and secondary education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19; and

- Higher education in FY 22 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for higher education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19.

Further, the federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act requires that states receiving ARP ESSER funds must maintain state support for:

- Elementary and secondary education in FY 22 and FY 23 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for elementary and secondary education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19; and
- Higher education in FY 22 and FY 23 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for higher education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19.

The U.S. Department of Education has issued rules governing how these maintenance of effort (MOE) requirements are to be administered. B&F will be working with the money committees of the Legislature to ensure that the State of Hawai'i complies with these ESSER MOE requirements.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.



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HOUSE COMMITTEE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Friday, February 11, 2022

10:00 AM

State Capitol, Conference Room 312

In consideration of

HB 1983

**RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS,
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM.**

Chair Quinlan, Vice Chair Holt, and members of the Committee.

The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) offers comments on HB1983, which establishes the state film coordinator in DBEDT to review, approve, and issue permits for film in the state.

DBEDT currently has a Film Industry Branch, also known as the Hawaii Film Office (HFO), that was established in 1978 and is currently housed within the Creative Industries Division of DBEDT. The Film Industry Development Manager is the Branch Chief of the HFO and manages four staff, two of which are civil service positions handling all facilitation of permitting for film between multiple state agencies and productions. Over 2,000 multi-jurisdictional permits are facilitated by HFO staff and state agencies each year.

If the intent of this measure is to establish a new permitting system or authority, further discussion is necessary with the Legislature as the establishment of the state film coordinator appears to replace existing permitting process and personnel. The current state film program has long-standing Memorandum of Agreement with the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), the Department of Transportation (Hawaii DOT), and other state agencies and offices that our film permit specialists work with to secure film approvals for dozens of fast-moving productions that take place across seven islands.

We appreciate the opportunity to work with the Legislature to further refine the Intent and statutory aspects of this measure. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Testimony for ECD on 2/11/2022 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Katie Hillstead	Individual	Comments	No

Comments:

WHAT ABOUT INFLATION!?! HOW ARE YOU SUPPORTING LOCAL FAMILIES DEALING WITH RISING FOOD AND GOODS PRICES!?!

Aloha,

My name is Katie Hillstead. I am a resident of Makakilo and an educator on the leeward coast of Oahu.

I am writing to you as a concerned educator and resident of Hawaii. The Hawaii State Teachers contract has essentially frozen teacher pay for the next school year, additionally teachers took a paycut with the loss of the 21 hours of job embedded professional development.

This concerns me, as inflation is causing daily expenses to rise. As you're aware, the cost of living in Hawaii was already high, but more so now with inflation. My bi-weekly costco run for my family is now totaling over 400\$ each trip, whereas just a few months ago it was only 300\$. **If you have seen a Times ad recently, you will notice that meat that was 5.99\$ a pound is now 7.99\$ a pound. A box of frozen chicken thighs is now 6.99 instead of 5.99 (on sale, might I add). What was once 2 for 5\$, is now 2 for 7\$ and things that were 2 for 6 are now 2 for 8\$. My paycheck is not going as far as it used to, and I fear I may have to leave my home if this trend continues.**

Hawaii cannot afford to lose more teachers. On the coast, several schools are experiencing teachers quitting after semester 1, and leaving the profession all together.

I ask, as a concerned resident and Educator, what are you doing at the legislature to combat inflation for our local families? As well increase teacher pay?

What actions are you taking to support salary compression relief for educators?

What actions are you taking to help local families deal with this inflation?

In my humble opinion, the legislature needs to approve direct payments to families (like stimulus), continue P-EBT to help low-income families afford the now higher priced food items, and encourage the Governor to restore the 21 hours of job-embedded professional development

as well as negotiate step movements and across the board raises for all educators to reflect rising inflation.

Mahalo for your time, and I look forward to your response.

Aloha,

Katie Hillstead

Leeward Educator, Parent, concerned resident

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