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NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

DATE: Tuesday, January 28, 2025  
TIME: 1:00 PM  
PLACE: Conference Room 229 & Videoconference  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
TIMESLOT: EDT

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A G E N D A

The purpose of this informational briefing is to review and gather information on the state of Hawaii's film industry through workforce development initiatives, funding sources, and programs at the University of Hawaii.

1. Welcome and Introductory Remarks.
2. Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism- Creative Media Industries
  - Georja Skinner, Chief Officer
  - Thomas Chock, Program Specialist
3. University of Hawaii- Academy for Creative Media (ACM)
  - Chris Lee, Founder of ACM
  - Vassilis Syrmos, Vice President of Research and Innovation
  - Manette K.P. Ah Nee- Benham, University of Hawaii- West Oahu Chancellor
  - Christine Acham, Department Chair at University of Hawaii- Manoa School of Cinematic Arts.
  - Sharla Hanaoka, Associate Director at University of Hawaii-West Oahu
  - University of Hawaii Foundation
4. Closing Remarks

No public testimony will be accepted.

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