

ACT 359

H.B. NO. 1299

A Bill for an Act Making an Appropriation for Fostering International Activities.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that there is a need to develop alternative industries apart from tourism in order to advance the growth of Hawaii's economy

and people. In 1986, film and video production in Hawaii contributed over \$35 million to the State's economy. Expanding Hawaii's involvement in the film and video industries is desirable because these film industry activities have become an important source of income for the State and have contributed immeasurably toward the promotion of Hawaii as a tourist destination area, especially with the popularity of television program series such as "Hawaii Five-O" and "Magnum P.I.". These activities now make up a small but potent industry utilizing the talents of local artists and skilled technicians. A strong commitment to local filmmakers and film-making activities is needed.

The legislature further finds that support of activities related to international and intercultural understanding will provide future opportunities for Hawaii and its citizens. Similarly, recommendations forwarded by the recent governor's Congress on Hawaii's International Role affirmed the appropriateness and desirability of an expanded international role for the State, and urged that both the public and private sectors proceed immediately with initiatives focusing on Hawaii's potential to become recognized as a center for East-West interchange.

SECTION 2. In accordance with Section 9 of Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii and sections 37-91 and 37-93, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that the appropriation contained in this Act will cause the state general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 1989-1990 to be exceeded by \$125,000, or 0.0053 per cent. The reasons for exceeding the general fund expenditure ceiling are that the appropriation made in this Act is necessary to serve the public interest and to meet the need provided for by this Act.

SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$125,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 1989-1990, to develop a series of 30 minute educational and informational video productions that promote Hawaii's international role.

The sums appropriated in this section shall be expended by the department of business and economic development for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 1989.

(Approved June 19, 1989.)