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Statement of

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before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Friday, February 11, 2011

1:15 p.m.

State Capitol, Conference Room 016

in consideration of

SB 1411

RELATING TO TAXATION

Chair Fukunaga, Vice Chair Wakai, and members of the Committee. The department supports the intent of SB 1411 which proposes that the Department of Business Economic Development and Tourism manage a new tax credit program supporting qualified live musical or theatrical productions or theatrical facility infrastructure projects in the state. While we support the concept, the department would require an additional appropriation or staffing in the Creative Industries Division to manage such a program.

The tax credits for the investment, transportation expenditures, and certain payroll costs associated with a qualified live musical or theatrical production or theatrical facility infrastructure project in Hawaii would also have fiscal impacts and we defer to the Department of Taxation in this regard, until the Executive Biennium Budget is finalized. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

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Subject: Testimony for SB1411 on 2/11/2011 1:15:00 PM **Date:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 6:09:32 PM

Testimony for EDT 2/11/2011 1:15:00 PM SB1411

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Comments:

Re: Testimony in Support of SB1411

Dear Chair, Vice Chair and Members of the Committee,

Aloha, I represent the Membership of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees Local 665 in the State of Hawaii. We are often referred to as the IA or IATSE. We are the professional technicians that staff these types of Broadway and Live/Theatrical Productions. We provide the Rigging, Electrical, Sound, Wardrobe, Hair and Make-up personnel (to name a few) that work to bring these shows to life.

Local 665 are in strong support of this Bill. It will create jobs and opportunities for the people of Hawaii, including our members of the IATSE.

Mahalo, for the opportunity to support this legislation.

Mahalo, Henry H. Fordham III Acting Business Representative IATSE Local 665 875 Waimanu Street – Suite #610 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 Office:(808)596-0227 Fax:(808)591-8213

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TESTIMONY OF WILLIAM G. MEYER, III

HEARING DATE/TIME: Friday, February 11, 2011

1:15 p.m. in Conference Room 016

TO: Senate Committee on Economic Development and Technology

RE: Testimony in Support of SB1411

Dear Chair, Vice-Chair and Committee Members:

My name is William G. Meyer, III. I am an intellectual property and entertainment attorney who has been practicing law in Honolulu for over 30 years. Among others, I represent both national and local stakeholders in Hawaii's recording industry and both locally based and national and international motion picture and television production companies.

I support the letter, spirit and intent of SB1411.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ William G. Meyer, III

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