
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MOVIE THEATERS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 489, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to part I to be appropriately
3 designated and to read as follows:

4 "§489- Motion picture theater accommodation. (a) A
5 public accommodation that owns, leases, leases to, or operates a
6 motion picture theater in more than two locations in the State
7 shall provide open movie captioning during at least two showings
8 per week of each motion picture that is produced and offered
9 with open movie captioning.

10 (b) A public accommodation that owns, leases, leases to,
11 or operates a motion picture theater in the State shall provide,
12 upon request, audio description of any motion picture that is
13 produced and offered with audio description.

14 (c) A violation of this section shall be a discriminatory
15 practice.

16 (d) This section shall apply to motion pictures that are
17 produced and distributed with the necessary auxiliary aids and



1 services, including captioning and audio description. This
 2 section shall not prohibit the showing of a motion picture that
 3 is produced and distributed without captioning and audio
 4 description; provided that a public accommodation that owns,
 5 leases, leases to, or operates a motion picture theater shall
 6 provide notice to the public if a motion picture offered for
 7 viewing is produced and distributed without captioning or audio
 8 description.

9 (e) For the purposes of this section, "motion picture
 10 theater" means a movie theater, screening room, or other venue
 11 in use primarily for the exhibition of a motion picture."

12 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

13 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2017.

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Report Title:

Motion Picture Theaters; Accommodation; Open Movie Captioning;
Audio Description

Description:

Requires a public accommodation that owns, leases, leases to, or operates a motion picture theater in more than two locations in the State to provide open movie captioning during at least two showings per week of each motion picture that is produced and offered with open movie captioning. Requires a public accommodation that owns, leases, leases to, or operates a motion picture theater in the State to provide, upon request, audio description of any motion picture that is produced and offered with audio description.

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February 4, 2016

HB2727 TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & BUSINESS

Representative Derek Kawakami
Chair, House Committee on Economic Development & Business Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Representative Kawakami,

My name is Philip Ana (Your name). I am writing this testimony in support of HB2727. I enjoyed my time watching the Star Wars on January 2. From that day on, I watched a lot of open-captioned movies and I loved it.

I am pleased of the fact that we are the first state to provide open- captioned films in all movie theatres instead of having to wear closed captioning devices such as glasses, or a rear-view plastic panel mounted on a flexible stalk to view the captioning, and other types of closed captioning devices. I would like to go to a movie theater with open captioning displayed on the screen without a device.

The Deaf and Hard of Hearing should not be forced to wear or use special equipment to read the captioning ever again. Open captioning provides equal access to watching movies just like hearing people watch movies with audio.

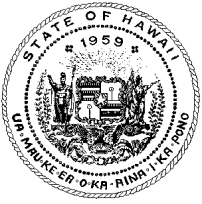
Hearing people are not required to wear or use special devices to listen and watch the movie. The passage of House Bill 2727 will provide equal access to movie theaters for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. I also support equal access for the Blind to movies theaters.

Sincerely,

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Sincerely,
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February 5, 2016
Rm. 312, 9:00 a.m.

To: The Honorable Derek Kawakami, Chair
Members of the House Committee on Economic Development & Business

From: Linda Hamilton Krieger, Chair
and Commissioners of the Hawai‘i Civil Rights Commission

Re: H.B. No. 2727

The Hawai‘i Civil Rights Commission (HCRC) has enforcement jurisdiction over Hawai‘i’s laws prohibiting discrimination in public accommodations, HRS chapter 489, including the newly enacted and codified § 489-9, which requires movie theaters to provide open captioning during at least two showings per week of each motion picture that is produced and offered with open captioning, and also requires movie theaters to provide audio description upon request of any motion picture that is produced and offered with open captioning.

The new HRS §489-9 was added to chapter 489 by the 2015 enactment of Act 39, effective January 1, 2016. Section 3 of Act 39 includes a “drop dead” or “sunset” provision that provides for the repeal of the Act on January 1, 2018.

It is our understanding that H.B. No. 2727 is intended to repeal and eliminate the “sunset” provision of Act 39. This makes sense, because the state law requirements go beyond those provided in the pending proposed federal rules that are going through the U.S. Department of Justice rulemaking process. For this reason, HRS § 489-9 will continue to provide meaningful accessibility requirements, even after final approval of the proposed federal rules.

The HCRC supports H.B. No. 2727, but suggests that rather than re-enacting the entirety of Act 39, the sunset provision can be repealed through a simple amendment of Section 3 of Act 39 in the

2015 Session Laws.

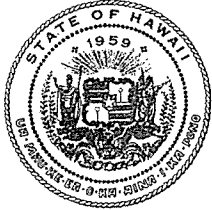
The HCRC suggests that H.B. No. 2727 be amended by deleting Sections 1 and 2 of the bill, and adding this suggested language:

SECTION 1. Act 39, Session Laws of Hawaii 2015, is amended by amending section 3 to read as follows:

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2016~~, and shall be repealed on January 1, 2018~~].

SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed.

With this suggestion, the HCRC urges your favorable consideration of H.B. No. 2727.



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TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & BUSINESS

House Bill 2727 – Relating to Movie Theaters

The Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) supports House Bill 2727 Relating to Movie Theaters. In 2015, Act 39 was passed and became effective on January 1, 2016. HRS §489-9 provides for open captioning at movie theaters during at least two showings per week of each motion picture that is produced and offered with open captioning and also requires movie theaters to provide audio description, upon request of any motion picture produced and offered with audio description.

Feedback from people who are deaf and hard of hearing has been very positive about being able to attend open captioned movies. We have also received comments from people who are older indicating that the captions are helpful and appreciated. One commercial theater chain began offering open captioned movies prior to January 1, 2016 and has been very responsive to audiences who are Deaf and hard of hearing by including the notation "OPEN CAP" on movie advertisements in the newspaper.

The Hawaii Civil Rights Commission (HCRC) who has enforcement authority over prohibition of discrimination under Hawaii's public accommodation law has submitted testimony with a suggested amendment. The main purpose of this bill is to repeal the sunset date of Act 39, and we concur with their amendment regarding only removing the sunset date. This bill was initially passed to improve accessibility of moviegoers who are Deaf and hard of hearing, but its implications have a far-reaching effect by providing effective or enhanced communication for the entire community.

With this amendment, we humbly request you pass this bill out of committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

BARBARA FISCHLOWITZ-LEONG
Chairperson
Legislative Committee

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February 5, 2016

The Honorable Derek S.K. Kawakami, Chair
House Committee on Economic Development and Business
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
State Capitol
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Representative Kawakami and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: HB 2727 - Relating to Movie Theaters


The State Council on Developmental Disabilities **SUPPORTS HB 2727**. The bill requires a public accommodation that owns, leases, leases to, or operates a motion picture theater in more than two locations in the State to provide open movie captioning during at least two showings per week of each motion picture that is produced and offered with open movie captioning, and requires a public accommodation that owns, leases, leases to, or operates a motion picture theater in the State to provide, upon request, audio description of any motion picture that is produced and offered with audio description.

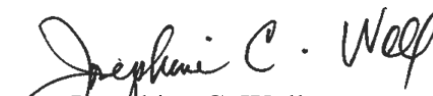
Open movie captioning provides a display of text on a screen or other visual display that provides additional or interpretive information of what is being presented. Star Wars: The Force Awakens movie was the first official premiere of open movie captioning on December 30, 2015. The overwhelming response of individuals attending the movie with open captioning was evident of the positive benefits of providing access for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing to enjoy movies in a similar manner as those who do not require open movie captioning.

Act 39, Session Laws of Hawaii 2015, mirrors the provisions of this bill. However, Act 39 also included a repeal date of January 1, 2018. The passage of HB 2727 would provide permanency in providing motion picture theater accommodations, such as open movie captioning.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony **supporting HB 2727**.

Sincerely,


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Executive Administrator


Josephine C. Woll
Chair

February 3, 2016

Testimony by Billy Kekua, President

Aloha State Association of the Deaf

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Support for HB2727 Relating to Movie Theaters

Motion Picture Theaters; Accommodation; Open Movie Captioning; Audio Description

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & BUSINESS

Rep. Derek S.K. Kawakami, Chair

Rep. Sam Satoru Kong, Vice Chair

Dear Chair Kawakami,

We, the Association, would like to commit and uphold our Mission Statement. Two of the objectives are significant to the Bill and we would like to share this with you:

- Advocating the educational and civil rights of Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and DeafBlind (DHHDB) citizens in the State of Hawai'i.
- Improving the quality and standard of living for all DHHDB people.

On that note, we are in the support of HB2727 and request the movie theaters in State of Hawaii to provide full access of open-captioned movies for DHHDB consumers. The additional devices (captioning glasses, rear-view window display mount, or other related captioning options) defeat the purpose of real movie-watching experience. Hearing consumers enjoy the films therefore we the DHHDB should share the same excitement.

Therefore, we respectfully request that the bill to be passed with no sunset date so we all can forever enjoy the same benefits with family, friends, and everyone in the world.

Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to present our testimony with you.

Malama pono.

HB2727 TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & BUSINESS

Representative Derek Kawakami
Chair, House Committee on Economic Development & Business
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Representative Kawakami,

Our agency, **Isle Interpret, LLC** of Honolulu, HI, urges you to lend support to HB2727.

We are so proud that we are the first state to provide open-captioned films in all movie theatres instead of having to wear closed captioning devices such as glasses, or a rear-view plastic panel mounted on a flexible stalk to view the captioning, and other types of closed captioning devices. We would like all deaf moviegoers to go to a movie theater with open captioning displayed on the screen without a device.

The Deaf and Hard of Hearing should not be forced to wear or use special equipment to read the captioning ever again. Open captioning provides equal access to watching movies just like hearing people watch movies with audio.

Please support HB2727 and provide this essential access to the deaf community.

With warm regard,
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Comments: February 4, 2016 HB2727 TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & BUSINESS Representative Derek Kawakami Chair, House Committee on Economic Development & Business Hawaii State Capitol 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 Dear Representative Kawakami, We are the board of Maui Deaf Friends, a club on Maui of people who are deaf, hh, or hearing and know the needs of our Maui Deaf community. I am writing this testimony in support of HB2727. We plan to go watch the Batman vs Superman at 1:00 at the Maui Mall Theater April 2nd . This will be our first ever open-captioned movies and we are sure we will loved it. Many of our members have asked the movie theaters on Maui to get the movie in open caption, but they don't seem to know the law yet. We are working to have an "opening night" event, like ASAD did for Oahu's Deaf community to see Starwars! We need help, now that you made the law, we want to see these movies!!! We am pleased of the fact that we are the first state to provide open-captioned films in all movie theatres instead of having to wear closed captioning devices such as glasses, or a rear-view plastic panel mounted on a flexible stalk to view the captioning, and other types of closed captioning devices. We would like to go to a movie theater with open captioning displayed on the screen without a device. The Deaf and Hard of Hearing should not be forced to wear or use special equipment to read the captioning ever again. Open captioning provides equal access to watching movies just like hearing people watch movies with audio. Hearing people are not required to wear or use special devices to listen and watch the movie. The passage of House Bill 2727 will provide equal access to movie theaters for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. We also support equal access for the Blind to movies theaters. Sincerely, Vesta Morris, Director Jeff Morris, Treasurer B. King, Secretary et all

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REGAL ENTERTAINMENT GROUP
COMMENTS CONCERNING H.B. 2727 RELATING TO MOVIE THEATRES

I. Introduction

Regal Entertainment Group (NYSE: RGC) operates the largest and most geographically diverse theatre circuit in the United States, consisting of 7,326 screens in 568 theatres in 42 states along with Guam, Saipan, American Samoa and the District of Columbia as of January 18, 2016.

First and foremost, Regal fully respects and supports the intent behind the original legislation and this proposed amendment. Regal has and always will champion and support efforts to create access for all individuals to our facilities.

II. History

As far back as the late 1990s through today Regal has partnered with the leading deaf and hard of hearing disability rights groups and other individuals to identify access needs and the obstacles associated with same. Regal also partnered with the major blind and visually impaired advocacy groups. Regal's stated goal at that time was to provide access to all feature films that come with captioning and audio described content at all of our theatres and at all show times.

From 1998 to 2005, Regal partnered with Tripod/Insight films to provide open captioned films at our locations across America. Sadly, the availability of captioned films was extremely limited; typically one feature being made available every three to four months. As such, Regal partnered with Tripod/Insight and our trade association, the National Association of Theatre Owners ("NATO"), to lobby the film studios to increase the availability of captioned movies. Regal also independently began working with technology companies to develop captioning systems that would meet the needs and desires of the deaf and hard of hearing. At that time, other than the few open captioned films that were available, the only other option was a system called Rear Window Captioning, which was not favored by the deaf and hard of hearing community due to numerous limitations and availability.

In 2005 a new captioning system became available which allowed captions to be displayed via a separate projection system, which greatly reduced the costs of providing captions to the studios. With the studios' commitment to provide more content, Regal immediately began purchasing and installing these systems in two hundred of our theatres across the country. We established a show time schedule whereby there would be 2 captioned features per day Sunday through Thursday, and one show on Friday and Saturday, with the films varying day to day to provide the most options to consumers.

In 2006, it became clear that the theatre industry would be transitioning from film based projectors to digital projection systems, which created myriad new challenges to captioning access but also the potential to reach our goal of total access. Specifically, Regal engaged the

deaf and hard of hearing advocacy groups, deaf and hard of hearing individuals and NATO to ensure we identified the issues and opportunities that digital presented.

Regal aggressively encouraged film production companies to provide captioning content with their films and trailers. Regal aggressively solicited manufacturers to develop captioning technology as well as ensure that the manufacturers of digital projection systems designed them to accommodate caption data files. Finally, Regal worked to assist the development of standards for captioning technology interoperability. As each obstacle and opportunity was identified, the advocates and deaf and hearing individuals were engaged to ensure their desires, needs and opinions were considered such that when and if we were able to accomplish our goal, it would be done so in a manner that served their global and individual desires. In 2007 and again in 2010 Regal invited developers of captioning technology and the deaf and hard of hearing advocacy group representatives to symposiums where captioning system prototypes were displayed and evaluated by the deaf and hard of hearing advocates. The captioning technologies available today are a direct result of those symposiums. One of the proudest days in the history of our Company was on April 19, 2012 when we were able to publicly announce that we would begin our nationwide rollout of personal captioning technologies and provide access to all deaf and hard of hearing individuals across the country to all feature films containing such content.

III. The Impact of Open Captions

One of the most important issues the parties faced during these efforts was the dilemma between provisions of access via open captions, whereby all individuals in the audience viewed the captioned content on screen, versus personal captioning systems, which provided captions to only those in need of such an accommodation.

In 2008, Regal had been providing open captioned content and collecting consumer and attendance information. During a 2008 survey, 6,300 guests that attended our open captioned shows were polled to ascertain their feedback on various issues. This survey reflected that of those attending the advertised open captioned shows, 8% needed captions, 10% were friends or relatives of those needing captions and 81% either did not know the feature was open captioned or selected the feature based solely on the show time. In addition, our attendance data reflected that our open captioned show times suffered a dramatic reduction in attendance, compared to our average attendance at non-open captioned shows. In fact, the average attendance at open captioned shows was over 50% that of non-open captioned show times. This data made it patently clear that it would be difficult if not impossible to obtain a return on the investment in captioning technology and even more concerning, providing access via open captions at all show times every day of the week was financially impossible.

Once again Regal reached out to the deaf and hard of hearing advocates and discussed the issues that impacted our effort for total access. During these discussion it was clear that most deaf individuals preferred open captions to personal captioning devices. As such, we discussed myriad options concerning providing scheduled captioned show times versus total access to features at any day and time, as desired by the deaf consumer. Ultimately the recommendations of the deaf and hard of hearing advocates was that they preferred access at their discretion, meaning anytime they wanted, versus being limited to specific open captioned show times.

At the time of these discussions, Regal could have simply continued showing open captioned shows at no additional cost because we helped ensure the digital projections systems we purchased had the capability of showing open captioned films. Out of respect for the desires of the deaf and hard of hearing, Regal opted to pursue the personal captioning systems at a cost in excess of twelve million dollars for the initial equipment; Sony captioning glasses. By 2014, our theatres provided and continue to provide myriad options for the deaf and hard of hearing, as well as the blind, to have access at any day or time to our theatres and the films that come with such content. Specifically, we offer:

- Personal captioning glasses developed by Sony;
- Seat mounted captioning displays (LCD displays captions from a device the mounts in the seat cup holder);
- Neck loops (devices the send a direct feed to hearing aids);
- Assistive listening devices for the hard of hearing (headsets for amplified sound); and,
- Headsets for audio description for the blind or visually impaired.

In addition, Regal has continued to offer open captioned shows at certain theatres in communities with large deaf and hard of hearing populations such as Rochester, New York and others. Moreover, we also have continued to offer open captioned shows upon request under the following conditions:

- The request was for a group of ten or more individuals; and,
- The request was provided 7 to 10 days in avoidance to ensure we could get the content and advertise the show time requested was open captioned.

Regal Entertainment Group's access program has been a complete success and due to all of our years of effort, we have created the most access for the deaf, hard of hearing, blind and visually impaired in the entire country and been recognized for our actions. In fact, Regal has been recognized numerous times for our efforts to create access to our goods and services, most recently we received the Hearing Loss Association of America's 2015 National Access Award for leadership in accessible technology solutions for people with hearing loss.

IV. The Department of Justice Action

In 2014 The United States Department of Justice ("DOJ") issued its proposed rules for captioning access in movie theatres. Once again, Regal respected what the DOJ was attempting to do with its proposed rules, but as drafted they created myriad issues that could in fact limit the access to the deaf and hard of hearing across the country. As such, Regal and NATO reached out to the major deaf and hard of hearing advocacy groups again and on December 21, 2014 we were able to announce a historic joint accord amongst the majority of the nation's movie theatre companies and the largest and most diverse deaf and hard of hearing advocacy groups in the country.

Specifically, the Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) along with the National Association of the Deaf (NAD), the Association of Late Deafened Adults (ALDA), and the

Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (AG Bell) sat down with representatives from the National Association of Theatre Owners (NATO) and created an agreement on movie captioning which included a set of recommendations to the DOJ to improve access to movies for deaf and hard of hearing patrons. The agreement included the parties agreeing that:

- Closed captioning (CC) and audio description (AD) technologies would be installed in all digital movie theatre auditoriums nationwide;
- Certain minimum closed captioning device requirements with a monitoring requirement;
- Flexible, market-responsive device scoping method will ensure access for all deaf and hard of hearing patrons and respond to actual consumer demand; and,
- Conditions regarding marketing, staff training, and equipment maintenance

The parties also agreed to some voluntary actions such as encouraging movie distributors to provide CC and AD data files on all movies and trailers, provide theatres with information on the availability of CC and AD technologies in advance of the film's release so this information can be included in show time listings, sharing information on areas with large deaf and hard of hearing populations, including schools, conducting specific outreach to community groups and encouraging theatre operators to accommodate large group requests for either open captioned shows or large group requests for closed captioning devices, as long as they have advance notice to accommodate a group.

V. The Hawaii Captioning Legislation, Proposed Amendment and Conclusion

By the time Hawaii proposed its open captioning legislation, which was signed into law during 2015, every Regal Hawaii theatre had been fully accessible to the deaf, hard of hearing and blind for approximately two years. As such, Regal opposed the legislation as unnecessary as well as to avoid the potential negative impact on Hawaii's deaf and hard of hearing population and the remainder of the population. While the legislation posed several potential issues, one of the most significant would be to limit access to movie theatres that had not previously installed personal captioning systems.

Regardless, although the parties were unable to reach an accord, during these discussions the bill sponsor highlighted the fact that the bill contained a sunset provision which would enable all parties to evaluate the benefits or negative impact of the bill. As such, we were quite surprised that less than one month after the legislation became effective, HB 2727 has been introduced to eliminate the sunset provision.

Regal respectfully requests the members of the House Committee on Economic Development & Business consider the following:

- Allow the original legislation, including its sunset provision, to be evaluated as it was originally intended and designed; and,
- Permit, as originally intended, all concerned, consumers and movie theatre companies, time to determine the pros and cons of the legislation as written and identify what if any

changes should be made to the legislation to ensure maximum access for the deaf, hard of hearing and blind.

Regal has led the industry and proven that it desires total access to its goods and services to the deaf, hard of hearing and blind. By requesting this committee reject HB 2727, we are in no way limiting the current access to our facilities or in any way impacting the legislation as it exists today. In fact, by rejecting HB 2727 this committee will simply enable the legislation to function as original intended and designed. Moreover, by allowing the legislation to remain as written, all concerned can evaluate the desired access and likely improve the law as written or address its shortcomings.

Respectfully submitted by Regal Entertainment Group

February 4, 2016
8:00 a.m.

To: Hawaii House of Representatives
The Twenty-Eighth Legislature
Regular Session of 2016

Att: Committee on Economic Development & Business

From: Regal Entertainment Group

Re: Comments Concerning H.B. 2727 Relating to Movie Theaters

Please be advised that Lilas Southiphong, General Manager, Regal Entertainment Group Windward Stadium 10, 46-056 Kamehameha Highway, Kaneohe, Hawaii will attend the hearing on February 5, 2016 at 9:01 a.m., concerning HB 2727, before the Committee on Economic Development & Business. Ms. Southiphong will provide a summary of Regal Entertainment Group's comments concerning House Bill 2727 and each committee member will receive our full comments directly via email.

Thank you.

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Mr. Chairman and Members:

I am writing to wholeheartedly support House Bill 2727, RELATING TO MOVIE THEATERS that will remove the "sunset" feature of the bill requiring Open Captioning for select showing of movies.

Owing to my years as a professional entertainer, I've lost quite a bit of hearing and often movie dialogue can be hard for me to understand. Captioned movies allow a variety of people from all walks of life better access to mainstream entertainment. You don't have to be deaf or have hearing loss to appreciate or even need subtitles.

When the original legislation was enacted last year, the consumer communities were very excited to enjoy the same entertainment like all hearing citizens. There were parties to celebrate a long overdue right for equal access.

With this bill, the time limit on Open Caption movies will be removed and movies can be permanently enjoyed by all citizens. We believe that the sunset clause was inserted with the belief that the federal government would follow Hawaii's lead in providing accessible mainstream movies. However, given the uncertainty of the federal government achieving anything in the next 2 years we would like to safeguard the close captioning of movies in our state.

In closing, I want to very strongly urge your support to remove the "sunset" of Open Caption movies and support HB2727.

Mahalo,

Eric Folk
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96822

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Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Representative Kawakami,

My name is Larry Littleton, a resident of the island of Kauai, who happens to be profoundly Deaf, and I only benefit from theatre movies that are captioned.

I am unable to view captioning at the movie theaters on Kauai because this bill, as it is written, is not inclusive of all islands in Hawaii.

This bill is entirely flawed, and does not represent the entire state of Hawaii. You know that, Representative Kawakami, as a resident of our island. This bill only benefits the island of Oahu, and perhaps Maui. It does not benefit Kauai. Representative Tokioka, who wrote and sponsored this flawed bill, was elected to represent us on Kauai. Why was Kauai left out? The simple answer is because there are only two movies houses on Kauai, both which are privately owned, and therefore, do not have to comply with this "state-law."

I am thrilled for those on Oahu who were able to view Star Wars with open captions on January 2 . I also support Audio Description for those who may be Blind. However, those of us on neighboring islands were not included in this ground-breaking premier. The last time I checked, our "state of Hawaii" was composed of 8 islands. Not just one or two.

The constant false-advertising regarding "Hawaii as the first state to provide open-captioned films" by the well meaning Representative Tokioka and other State Deaf Organizations is an embarrassment to those of us who know the truth.

If we are to have a state law, then make sure it applies to all islands. The same as any other state-law.

Please reject this entire bill, the requested removal of the sunset clause, and have it reworded to reflect our state.

The passage of House Bill 2727 does not provide equal access to movie theaters for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing moviegoers state-wide.

Sincerely,

Larry Littleton

4230 Ono St.

Lihue, HI. 96766

kong2 - Christie

From: Eleanor Macdonald <elemacdonald8@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 03, 2016 12:06 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: HB2727, Relating to Movie Theaters, Hearing: Feb. 4, 2016, 9:00 A.M.

Hearing Date: Thursday, February 4, 2016
9:00 A.M.

Mr. Chairman and Members:

I am writing to wholeheartedly support House Bill 2727, RELATING TO MOVIE THEATERS to remove the "sunset" feature of the bill requiring Open Caption movies.

I recently retired after nearly 45 years as a professional serving deaf, hard of hearing and deaf-blind people in Hawaii and on the mainland. Although I am not myself deaf or hard of hearing, my husband is both deaf and blind and we fully support equal access for people who are unable to accurately hear the dialogue in movies.

When the original legislation was enacted last year, the consumer communities were very excited to enjoy the same entertainment like all hearing citizens. There were parties to celebrate a long overdue right for equal access.

With this bill, the time limit on Open Caption movies will be removed and movies can be permanently enjoyed by all citizens. Even a simple cartoon reinforces reading comprehension skills for kiddies who are deaf and hard of hearing. A real educational benefit.

In closing, I want to very strongly urge your support to remove the "sunset" of Open Caption movies and support HB2727.

Mahalo,
Eleanor Macdonald
60 North Beretania St. #602
Honolulu, HI 96817

Sent from my iPad

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From: Rep. Derek Kawakami
Sent: Wednesday, February 03, 2016 12:08 PM
To: kong2 - Christie
Subject: FW: Open-Captioned movies

Forwarding this to you.

Jason Young

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From: Tsutsumi, Eva L CIV [mailto:eva.tsutsumi@navy.mil]
Sent: Wednesday, February 03, 2016 9:05 AM
To: Rep. Derek Kawakami <repkawakami@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: Open-Captioned movies

Dear Representative Kawakami,

My name is Eva Tsutsumi. I am writing this testimony in support of HB2727. I enjoyed my time watching the Star Wars on January 2. From that day on, I watched a lot of open-captioned movies and I loved it.

I am pleased of the fact that we are the first state to provide open- captioned films in all movie theatres instead of having to wear closed captioning devices such as glasses, or a rear-view plastic panel mounted on a flexible stalk to view the captioning, and other types of closed captioning devices. I would like to go to a movie theater with open captioning displayed on the screen without a device.

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Sincerely,
Eva Tsutsumi
Mililani, Hawaii

February 4, 2016

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BUSINESS

Representative Derek Kawakami
Chair, House Committee on Economic Development & Business
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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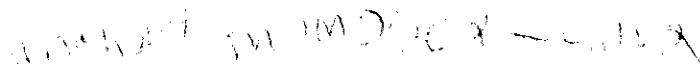
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Sincerely,


Anthony Momosea-Silva
Honolulu, Hawaii

February 4, 2016

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Representative Derek Kawakami
Chair, House Committee on Economic Development & Business
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415 South Beretania Street
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Dear Representative Kawakami,

My name is Alstin Quisquirin-Sabagala. I am writing this testimony in support of HB2727. I enjoyed my time watching the Star Wars on January 2. From that day on, I watched a lot of open-captioned movies and I loved it.

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Sincerely,

Alstin Quisquirin-Sabagala

Alstin Quisquirin-Sabagala
Waianae, Hawaii

February 4, 2016

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Representative Derek Kawakami
Chair, House Committee on Economic Development & Business
Hawaii State Capitol
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Dear Representative Kawakami,

My name is Arwin Sacalamitao. I am writing this testimony in support of HB2727. I enjoyed my time watching the Star Wars on January 2. From that day on, I watched a lot of open-captioned movies and I loved it.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Arwin Sacalamitao', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Arwin Sacalamitao
Kalihi, Oahu

February 4, 2016

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Representative Derek Kawakami
Chair, House Committee on Economic Development & Business
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Dear Representative Kawakami,

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Sincerely,

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Billy Rayray
Kalihi, Oahu

February 4, 2016

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Representative Derek Kawakami
Chair, House Committee on Economic Development & Business
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Dear Representative Kawakami,

My name is Brooke Christophersen-Urayanza. I am writing this testimony in support of HB2727. I enjoyed my time watching the Star Wars on January 2. From that day on, I watched a lot of open-captioned movies and I loved it.

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Sincerely,

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Brooke Christophersen-Urayanza
Wailuku, Maui

February 4, 2016

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BUSINESS

Representative Derek Kawakami
Chair, House Committee on Economic Development & Business
Hawaii State Capitol
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Dear Representative Kawakami,

My name is Caleb Keppo. I am writing this testimony in support of HB2727. I enjoyed my time watching the Star Wars on January 2. From that day on, I watched a lot of open-captioned movies and I loved it.

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Sincerely,

Caleb Keppo
Kaneohe, Hawaii

Caleb Keppo

February 4, 2016

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Representative Derek Kawakami
Chair, House Committee on Economic Development & Business
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Dear Representative Kawakami,

My name is Clyde Custodio. I am writing this testimony in support of HB2727. I enjoyed my time watching the Star Wars on January 2. From that day on, I watched a lot of open-captioned movies and I loved it.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Clyde Custodio". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

Clyde Custodio
Kapaa, Kauai

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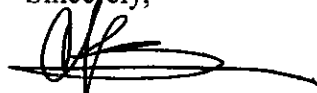
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Sincerely,

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Colleen Cidade
Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 3, 2016

Representative Derek Kawakami
Chair, House Committee on Economic Development & Business
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Dear Representative Kawakami,

My name is Cyrus Keama. I am writing this testimony in support of HB2727. I enjoyed my time watching the Star Wars on January 2. From that day on, I watched a lot of open-captioned movies and I loved it.

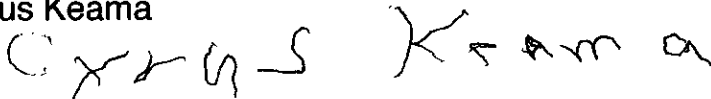
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Sincerely,

Cyrus Keama

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Kaneohe, Hawaii

February 4, 2016

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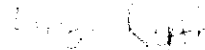
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Sincerely,



Disney Rofol
Hilo, Hawaii

February 4, 2016

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Representative Derek Kawakami
Chair, House Committee on Economic Development & Business
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Dear Representative Kawakami,

My name is Erin Carino. I am writing this testimony in support of HB2727. I enjoyed my time watching the Star Wars on January 2. From that day on, I watched a lot of open-captioned movies and I loved it.

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Erin Carino
Aiea, Hawaii

February 4, 2016

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Representative Derek Kawakami
Chair, House Committee on Economic Development & Business
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Dear Representative Kawakami,


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Eva Momosea
Honolulu, Hawaii

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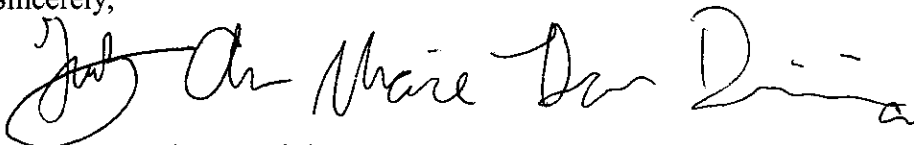
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Sincerely,

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Fritz Ann Marie Dar Divina
Kahului, Maui

February 4, 2016

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Representative Derek Kawakami
Chair, House Committee on Economic Development & Business
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Dear Representative Kawakami,

My name is Henny Basilio. I am writing this testimony in support of HB2727. I enjoyed my time watching the Star Wars on January 2. From that day on, I watched a lot of open-captioned movies and I loved it.

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Sincerely,

Henny Basilio
Aiea, Oahu

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Henny Basilio". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

February 4, 2016

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Representative Derek Kawakami
Chair, House Committee on Economic Development & Business
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Dear Representative Kawakami,

My name is Iolani Nickepwi. I am writing this testimony in support of HB2727. I enjoyed my time watching the Star Wars on January 2. From that day on, I watched a lot of open-captioned movies and I loved it.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Iolani Nickepwi". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Iolani Nickepwi
Kalihi, Oahu

February 4, 2016

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Representative Derek Kawakami
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Dear Representative Kawakami,

My name is Jaydee Malama-Cardenas. I am writing this testimony in support of HB2727. I enjoyed my time watching the Star Wars on January 2. From that day on, I watched a lot of open-captioned movies and I loved it.

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Sincerely,



Jaydee Malama-Cardenas
Kapolei, Hawaii

February 4, 2016

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Dear Representative Kawakami,

My name is Jayden Takeuo. I am writing this testimony in support of HB2727. I enjoyed my time watching the Star Wars on January 2. From that day on, I watched a lot of open-captioned movies and I loved it.

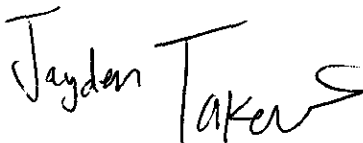
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Sincerely,

Jayden Takeuo
Honolulu, Oahu

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Feb 3, 2016

Representative Derek Kawakami
Chair, House Committee on Economic Development & Business
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Dear Representative Kawakami,

My name is Kayo Lambrecht. I am writing this testimony in support of HB2727. I enjoyed my time watching the Star Wars on January 2. From that day on, I watched a lot of open-captioned movies and I loved it.

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Sincerely,

Kayo Lambrecht


Kaimuki, Hawaii

February 4, 2016

HB2727 TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Representative Derek Kawakami
Chair, House Committee on Economic Development & Business
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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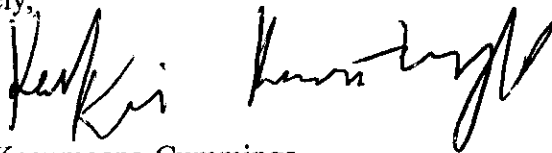
My name is Kekai Kaaumoana-Cummings. I am writing this testimony in support of HB2727. I enjoyed my time watching the Star Wars on January 2. From that day on, I watched a lot of open-captioned movies and I loved it.

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Sincerely,

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Kekai Kaaumoana-Cummings
Waimea, Kauai

Feb 3, 2016

Representative Derek Kawakami
Chair, House Committee on Economic Development & Business
Hawaii State Capitol
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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Sincerely,

Lance Amanonce

Ewa Beach, Hawaii

LANCE AMANONCE

February 4, 2016

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Representative Derek Kawakami
Chair, House Committee on Economic Development & Business
Hawaii State Capitol
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Sincerely,

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Manae Makino
Honolulu, Oahu

Feb 3, 2016

Representative Derek Kawakami
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Dear Representative Kawakami,

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Sincerely,

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Matt Chew

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 4, 2016

HB2727 TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT &
BUSINESS

Representative Derek Kawakami
Chair, House Committee on Economic Development & Business
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Margaret Laracuenta". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name and last name clearly legible.

Margaret Laracuenta
Salt Lake, Hawaii

Feb 3, 2016

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Chair, House Committee on Economic Development & Business
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
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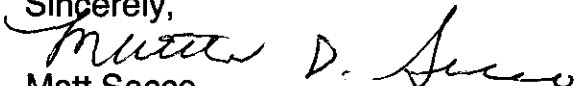
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Matt Sacco

Hawaii

February 4, 2016

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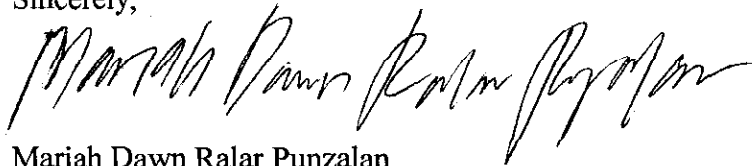
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Sincerely,

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Mariah Dawn Ralar Punzalan
Kahului, Maui

February 4, 2016

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BUSINESS

Representative Derek Kawakami
Chair, House Committee on Economic Development & Business
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Mavrick Fiti
Honolulu, Hawaii

February 4, 2016

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Representative Derek Kawakami
Chair, House Committee on Economic Development & Business
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Sincerely,

PJ Billimon
Kalihi, Oahu

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Feb. 3, 2016

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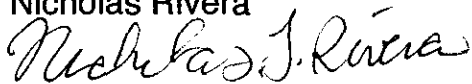
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Sincerely,

Nicholas Rivera

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Ewa Beach, Hawaii

Feb 3, 2016

Representative Derek Kawakami
Chair, House Committee on Economic Development & Business
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Sincerely,

Ramon Ramales

Honolulu, Hawaii

Representative Derek Kawakami
Chair, House Committee on Economic Development & Business
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Representative Kawakami,

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Sharlyn Chong

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Waipahu, Hawaii

February 4, 2016

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Representative Derek Kawakami
Chair, House Committee on Economic Development & Business
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Sincerely,

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Vernicole Agustin
Kalihi, Oahu

February 4, 2016

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BUSINESS

Representative Derek Kawakami
Chair, House Committee on Economic Development & Business
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Watak Bill
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Waianae, Hawaii

February 4, 2016

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Sincerely,

Zachary Rest
Kalihi, Oahu

Zachary Rest

February 3rd, 2016

HB 2727 TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & BUSINESS

Representative Derek Kawakami
Chair, House Committee on Economic Development & Business
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Aloha Representative Kawakami,

My name is Kurstin Chun. I am writing in support of HB 2727 and to ask that the sunset date for this bill be removed.

Although I am hearing, I benefit from the captioning tremendously. I am a visual person and at home I use captions to watch television and my DVDs as it helps me to understand what is being said. In the past, if a Deaf or Hard-of-Hearing friend wanted to go see a movie we would see some foreign language flick because of the subtitles on the screen. Often times we would have no idea what the foreign movie was even about, but we would choose it because no one needed those caption glasses, but rather we all could view the movie together in an enjoyable way.

I attended the open captioning debut with the Deaf community on January 2nd to watch Star Wars. That was an amazingly fulfilling experience. I was able to chat with all my Deaf friends about the characters afterwards, instead of waiting till my Deaf friends have seen the movie on DVD before discussing it.

I know that open captioning has helped me personally and that it is beneficial for those that are Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing. I also believe that this benefits late deafened adults and English foreign language learners. Open captioning provides access to communication and the culture in which it is portrayed.

Please remove the sunset date and continue to support open captioning for movies here in Hawaii.

Mahalo,

Kurstin Chun
Aiea, Hawaii

kong2 - Christie

From: Rep. Derek Kawakami
Sent: Wednesday, February 03, 2016 3:54 PM
To: kong2 - Christie
Subject: FW: Support of HB2727

-----Original Message-----

From: Austin [mailto:beachxisland@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 03, 2016 2:24 PM
To: Rep. Derek Kawakami <repkawakami@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: Support of HB2727

This bill is asking the State to remove 2018 sunset date for open caption at the movie theater.

February 4, 2016
HB2727 TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & BUSINESS

Representative Derek Kawakami
Chair, House Committee on Economic Development & Business Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Representative Kawakami,

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Sincerely,

Austin Darner
Honolulu, Hawaii

Sent from my iPhone

kong2 - Christie

From: Rep. Derek Kawakami
Sent: Wednesday, February 03, 2016 4:00 PM
To: kong2 - Christie
Subject: FW: Open-captioned

From: Shannon McMahon [mailto:aslart7@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 03, 2016 3:59 PM
To: Rep. Derek Kawakami
Subject: Open-captioned

February 4, 2016

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Representative Derek Kawakami
Chair, House Committee on Economic Development & Business
Hawaii State Capitol
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Sincerely,
Shannon McMahon

Kaneohe, Oahu

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, February 03, 2016 4:16 PM
To: edbtestimony
Cc: beth.king@mauihigh.org
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB2727 on Feb 5, 2016 09:01AM

HB2727

Submitted on: 2/3/2016

Testimony for EDB on Feb 5, 2016 09:01AM in Conference Room 312

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Beth King	Individual	Support	No

Comments: February 4, 2016 HB2727 TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & BUSINESS Representative Derek Kawakami Chair, House Committee on Economic Development & Business Hawaii State Capitol 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 Dear Representative Kawakami, My name is Beth King. I am writing this testimony in support of HB2727. I teach Deaf and HH children and they need and love to read the English script on TV , youtubes, DVD and now movies! They plan to go see Batman vs Superman this April, the first ever open caption movie in Maui. We know Oahu 's Deaf enjoyed thier time watching the Star Wars on January 2. I have a list of all the movies they hope to see with thier family and friends, but this time, they expect to get their money's worth and understand the film! I am pleased of the fact that we are the first state to provide open-captioned films in all movie theatres instead of having to wear closed captioning devices such as glasses, or a rear-view plastic panel mounted on a flexible stalk to view the captioning, and other types of closed captioning devices. The students I serve sign to me again and again that they would like to go to a movie theater with open captioning displayed on the screen without a device. They can't watch the words and action of the movie, always have to focus on just one, either try to read and miss the action, or try to watch the faces and action but can't focus on the cc on the glasses because the words are too close. Having words on the screen, just like on TV, is normal and is the fastest way to watch both, see the actors and actresses, feel the vibration and music, and see what the characters are saying to eachother! PERFECT and EQUAL ACCESS! These children ages 6 to 18 feel that the Deaf and Hard of Hearing should not be forced to wear or use special equipment to read the captioning ever again. Open captioning provides equal access to watching movies just like hearing people watch movies with audio. Hearing people are not required to wear or use special devices to listen and watch the movie. The passage of House Bill 2727 will provide equal access to movie theaters for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. I also support equal access for the Blind to movies theaters. Sincerely, Beth King Maui High School Teacher of the Deaf Kihei, HI Maui

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February 4, 2016

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Representative Derek Kawakami
Chair, House Committee on Economic Development & Business
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Representative Kawakami,

My name is Keri Lee. I am writing this testimony in support of HB2727. I enjoyed my time watching the Star Wars on January 2. From that day on, I watched a lot of open-captioned movies and I loved it. I also enjoyed seeing how many of my deaf friends enjoyed seeing movies with Closed Caption.

I am pleased of the fact that we are the first state to provide open-captioned films in all movie theatres instead of having to wear closed captioning devices such as glasses, or a rear-view plastic panel mounted on a flexible stalk to view the captioning, and other types of closed captioning devices. I would like to go to a movie theater with open captioning displayed on the screen without a device.

The Deaf and Hard of Hearing should not be forced to wear or use special equipment to read the captioning ever again. Open captioning provides equal access to watching movies just like hearing people watch movies with audio.

Hearing people are not required to wear or use special devices to listen and watch the movie. The passage of House Bill 2727 will provide equal access to movie theaters for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. I also support equal access for the Blind to movies theaters.

Sincerely,

Keri Lee
Laie, HI

kong2 - Christie

From: Rep. Derek Kawakami
Sent: Wednesday, February 03, 2016 5:06 PM
To: kong2 - Christie
Subject: FW: Testimony for HB2727

From: Heather [mailto:heather.interpreter@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 03, 2016 4:58 PM
To: Rep. Derek Kawakami
Subject: Testimony for HB2727

HB2727 TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & BUSINESS

Representative Derek Kawakami
Chair, House Committee on Economic Development & Business
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Representative Kawakami,

My name is Heather Benjamin. I am writing this testimony in support of HB2727. I am not Deaf however my fiancé is and he enjoys watching movies in the theatre. Before, when theaters provided only devices to watch movies we would only go see movies that didn't have a lot of talking in them, or movies with a very simple plot line because the devices provided by the theatre were unreliable and uncomfortable to use.

Now, though, with captioning on the screen, we are able to enjoy all movies that come out that are captioned.

I am also pleased of the fact that we are the first state to provide open- captioned films in all movie theaters. This is a huge step forward for language equality and equality for all in the movie-going experience. I look forward to when open-captions in the movie theatre becomes the norm.

While the captioning devices that were invented were a step in the right direction, they really haven't been as effective as simply putting captions on the screen. And with digital film now, there is no monetary barrier anymore to prevent theaters from providing this feature.

I support the passage of House Bill 2727 as it will continue to provide equal access to movie theaters for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. I also support equal access for the Blind to movies theaters.

Sincerely,

Heather Benjamin
Certified Sign Language Interpreter

Representative Derek Kawakami, Chair
Representative Sam Kong, Vice Chair
House Committee on Economic Development & Business

RE: HB2727 Relating to Movie Theaters
Friday, February 5, 2016 9:01 AM in House Conference Room 312

Dear Representative Kawakami,

My name is LisaAnn Tom. I am writing this testimony in support of HB2727. I really enjoyed my time watching the Star Wars with open captioning on January 2, 2016. From that day on, I watched a lot of open-captioned movies and I really loved it.

I am pleased of the fact that we are the FIRST state to provide open-captioned films in all movie theatres instead of having to wear closed captioning devices such as glasses or a rear-view plastic panel mounted on a flexible stalk to view the captioning, and other types of closed captioning devices. I love going to a movie theatre with open captioning displayed on the screen without a device.

The Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals should not be forced to wear or use special equipment to read the captioning ever again. Open captioning provides equal access to watching movies just like hearing people watch movies with audio.

Hearing people are not required to wear or use special devices to listen and watch the movie so do we as Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Blind. The passage of House Bill 2727 will provide equal access to movie theatres for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. I also support equal access for the Blind to movie theaters.

Thank you for the opportunity to read my testimony.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "LisaAnn Tom".

LisaAnn Tom
Honolulu, HI

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Submitted on: 2/3/2016

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Scott O'Neal	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I would like to add my STRONG support for this bill. Open Captions is not only for the deaf. It's for anyone with a hearing loss, anyone who has a hard time understanding spoken language, and for anyone learning English. Hawaii has a huge senior population, and growing every day. How many of those have some level of hearing loss which can affect their ability to enjoy movies - so they stay home. With the Open Captions, ANYONE can enjoy and appreciate the movies. Sure, the captioned movies may not be packed right now, but to the people who need it and want it, it's important. Shouldn't they be worth accommodating too? Given time, everyone will come to appreciate the movies. But, of course it's new and that will take time. But, in the mean time, allow the people who need it and want it to have it. Thank you for your support of this vitally important bill for so many people in our society who otherwise fall silent. Mahalo... Scott O'Neal

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Dear Representative Kawakami,

My name is Culten. I am writing this testimony in support of HB2727. I enjoyed my time watching Star Wars, the first open captioned movie at Ward theaters on January 2. From that day on, I watched a lot of open-captioned movies and would like to continue to do so.

I am pleased of the fact that we are the first state to provide open-captioned films in all movie theatres instead of having to wear closed captioning devices such as glasses, or a rear-view plastic panel mounted on a flexible stalk to view the captioning, and ther types of closed captioning devices. I would like to go to a movie theater with open captioning displayed on the screen without a device.

The Deaf and Hard of Hearing should not be forced to wear or use special equipment to read the captioning ever again. Open captioning provides equal access to watching movies just like hearing people watch movies with audio. Hearing people are not required to wear or use special devices to listen and watch the movie. The passage of House Bill 2727 will provide equal access to movie theaters for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. I also support equal access for the Blind to movies theaters

Sincerely,

Culten Arroyo
Honolulu, Hawaii

February 4, 2016

HB2727 TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT & BUSINESS

Representative Derek Kawakami
Chair, House Committee on Economic Development & Business
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Representative Kawakami,

My name is Kelli Anne Ganeku. I am writing this testimony in support of HB2727. I enjoyed my time watching the Star Wars on January 2. From that day on, I watched a lot of open-captioned movies and I loved it.

I am pleased of the fact that we are the first state to provide open-captioned films in all movie theatres instead of having to wear closed captioning devices such as glasses, or a rear-view plastic panel mounted on a flexible stalk to view the captioning, and other types of closed captioning devices. I would like to go to a movie theater with open captioning displayed on the screen without a device.

The Deaf and Hard of Hearing should not be forced to wear or use special equipment to read the captioning ever again. Open captioning provides equal access to watching movies just like hearing people watch movies with audio.

Hearing people are not required to wear or use special devices to listen and watch the movie. The passage of House Bill 2727 will provide equal access to movie theaters for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. I also support equal access for the Blind to movies theaters. Due to the fact that I am hearing, I feel that the deaf and hard of hearing community should have this available to them.

Sincerely,

Kelli Anne N. Ganeku
University of Hawaii at Manoa, Bachelor School of Social Work
President, Bachelor of Social Work Organization
Honolulu, Hawaii; 96817

February 4, 2016

HB2727 TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & BUSINESS

Representative Derek Kawakami
Chair, House Committee on Economic Development & Business
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Representative Kawakami,

My name is Gail Odagiri. I am writing this testimony in support of HB2727. I enjoyed watching the open-captioned movie Star Wars: The Force Awakens on January 2, 2016. Many people in the Deaf and hard-of-hearing community flocked to this first showing. It was quite an event.

Watching an open-captioned movie is so much more enjoyable when I do not have to depend on my ears to catch the dialog on screen. Even with a mild hearing loss, information can be missed. However, can you imagine having to wear or use special closed-captioning devices that are often uncomfortable or cumbersome to use in order to read the dialog? How about having someone interpret or giving you bits of information to help you understand what is going? Deaf and hard-of-hearing people should have access to a theater experience as comparable as possible to hearing people. I am proud that we are the first state to provide open-captioned films in all movie theaters. I hope all states follow suit. .

Hearing people are not required to wear or use special devices to listen and watch movies. The passage of House Bill 2727 will provide equal access to movie theaters for the Deaf and hard-of-hearing. I also support equal access for the Blind to movies theaters.

Sincerely,

Gail Odagiri
Aiea, Hawaii

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From: Rep. Derek Kawakami
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Subject: FW: HB2727

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Representative Derek Kawakami
Chair, House Committee on Economic Development & Business
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Representative Kawakami,

My name is Cathy Ferreira. I am writing this testimony in support of HB2727. As a hearing person, I enjoyed viewing Star Wars on January 2 with my friends from the Deaf Community. I am thrilled that this is now available.

I am pleased with the fact that we are the first state to provide open-captioned films in all movie theatres instead of having to wear closed captioning devices such as glasses, or a rear-view plastic panel mounted on a flexible stalk to view the captioning, and other types of closed captioning devices. I would like everyone who chooses to go to a movie theater with open captioning displayed on the screen without a device.

The Deaf and Hard of Hearing should not be forced to wear or use special equipment to read the captioning ever again. Open captioning provides equal access to watching movies just like hearing people watch movies with audio.

Hearing people are not required to wear or use special devices to listen and watch the movie. The passage of House Bill 2727 will provide equal access to movie theaters for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. I also support equal access for the Blind to movies theaters.

Sincerely,

Cathy Ferreira
Honolulu, Hawaii

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Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2016 9:05 AM
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Representative Derek Kawakami
Chair, House Committee on Economic Development & Business
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Representative Kawakami,

My name is Stephanie Steinlein-Balding. I am writing this testimony in support of HB2727. I enjoyed my time watching the Star Wars on January 2. From that day on, I watched a lot of open-captioned movies and I loved it.

I am pleased of the fact that we are the first state to provide open-captioned films in all movie theatres instead of having to wear closed captioning devices such as glasses, or a rear-view plastic panel mounted on a flexible stalk to view the captioning, and other types of closed captioning devices. I would like to go to a movie theater with open captioning displayed on the screen without a device.

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Sincerely,

Stephanie Steinlein-Balding
Honolulu, Hawaii

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Representative Derek Kawakami
Chair, House Committee on Economic Development & Business
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Representative Kawakami,

My name is Mirasol Tabian Oallesma. I am writing this testimony in support of HB2727. I enjoyed my time watching the Star Wars on January 2. From that day on, I watched a lot of open-captioned movies and I loved it.

I am pleased of the fact that we are the first state to provide open-captioned films in all movie theatres instead of having to wear closed captioning devices such as glasses, or a rear-view plastic panel mounted on a flexible stalk to view the captioning, and other types of closed captioning devices. I would like to go to a movie theater with open captioning displayed on the screen without a device.

The Deaf and Hard of Hearing should not be forced to wear or use special equipment to read the captioning ever again. Open captioning provides equal access to watching movies just like hearing people watch movies with audio.

Hearing people are not required to wear or use special devices to listen and watch the movie. The passage of House Bill 2727 will provide equal access to movie theaters for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. I also support equal access for the Blind to movies theaters.

Sincerely,

Mirasol Tabian Oallesma
Honolulu, HI

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From: Rep. Derek Kawakami
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Subject: HB2727

Representative Derek Kawakami
Chair, House Committee on Economic Development & Business
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Representative Kawakami,

My name is Florence Rapozo. I am writing this testimony in support of HB2727. I enjoyed my time watching the Star Wars on January 2. From that day on, I watched a lot of open-captioned movies and I loved it.

I am pleased of the fact that we are the first state to provide open-captioned films in all movie theatres instead of having to wear closed captioning devices such as glasses, or a rear-view plastic panel mounted on a flexible stalk to view the captioning, and other types of closed captioning devices. I would like to go to a movie theater with open captioning displayed on the screen without a device.

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Sincerely,

Florence Rapozo
Honolulu, Hawaii
Maui, Hawaii

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From: Rep. Derek Kawakami
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Subject: HB2727 Testimony to the House Committee on Economic Development & Business

Hi. My name is Roberta Chiwa-Tanaka. I am living in Oahu. I am deaf. I am writing testimony for supporting the HB2727.

My son and I saw the movie "Star Wars: the Force Awakens" with open captioning. Amazing! No more missing caption! No more interference of captioning glass problems! No more force to leave movie for replacement of glasses! Big Smile! My son and I extremely enjoyed the movie with open captioning. Thank you.

I am looking forward in seeing more movies with open captioning.

Movies in voices are lifetime for the normal hearing people. Pls let movies with open captioning be lifetime for the deaf people and for the people with hearing problems. Pls remove "sunset date" from the bill.

Mahalo.

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy Tab® 3, an AT&T 4G LTE tablet

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From: Rep. Derek Kawakami
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Subject: HB2727

Representative Derek Kawakami
Chair, House Committee on Economic Development & Business
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Representative Kawakami,

My name is Dina Dela Pena. I am writing this testimony in support of HB2727. I enjoyed my time watching the Star Wars on January 2. From that day on, I watched a lot of open-captioned movies and I loved it.

I am pleased of the fact that we are the first state to provide open-captioned films in all movie theatres instead of having to wear closed captioning devices such as glasses, or a rear-view plastic panel mounted on a flexible stalk to view the captioning, and other types of closed captioning devices. I would like to go to a movie theater with open captioning displayed on the screen without a device.

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Hearing people are not required to wear or use special devices to listen and watch the movie. The passage of House Bill 2727 will provide equal access to movie theaters for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. I also support equal access for the Blind to movies theaters.

Sincerely,

Dina Dela Pena
Waipahu, HI

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Representative Derek Kawakami
Chair, House Committee on Economic Development & Business
Hawaii State Capitol
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Representative Kawakami,

My name is Kariza Jane Doronio Esteban. I am writing this testimony in support of HB2727. I enjoyed my time watching the Star Wars on January 2. From that day on, I watched a lot of open-captioned movies and I loved it.

I am pleased of the fact that we are the first state to provide open-captioned films in all movie theatres instead of having to wear closed captioning devices such as glasses, or a rear-view plastic panel mounted on a flexible stalk to view the captioning, and other types of closed captioning devices. I would like to go to a movie theater with open captioning displayed on the screen without a device.

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Sincerely,

Kariza Jane Doronio Esteban
Honolulu, Hawaii

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From: Rep. Derek Kawakami
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Subject: *****SPAM***** HB2727

Representative Derek Kawakami
Chair, House Committee on Economic Development & Business
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Representative Kawakami,

My name is Albert Marsh, and I am writing this testimony in support of HB2727. I enjoyed my time watching the Star Wars on January 2. From that day on, I watched a lot of open-captioned movies and I loved it.

I am pleased of the fact that we are the first state to provide open-captioned films in all movie theatres instead of having to wear closed captioning devices such as glasses, or a rear-view plastic panel mounted on a flexible stalk to view the captioning, and other types of closed captioning devices. I would like to go to a movie theater with open captioning displayed on the screen without a device.

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Sincerely,

Albert Marsh
Makakilo, HI

LATE

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Submitted on: 2/4/2016

Testimony for EDB on Feb 5, 2016 09:01AM in Conference Room 312

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Shyla Moon	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This would be great for the community who is hearing impaired and want to enjoy a movie at the theater.

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Representative Derek Kawakami
Chair, House Committee on Economic Development & Business
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

LATE

Dear Representative Kawakami,

My name is Peggy Liang. I am writing this testimony in support of HB2727. I enjoyed my time watching the Star Wars on January 2. From that day on, I watched a lot of open-captioned movies and I loved it.

I am pleased of the fact that we are the first state to provide open-captioned films in all movie theatres instead of having to wear closed captioning devices such as glasses, or a rear-view plastic panel mounted on a flexible stalk to view the captioning, and other types of closed captioning devices. I would like to go to a movie theater with open captioning displayed on the screen without a device.

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Hearing people are not required to wear or use special devices to listen and watch the movie. The passage of House Bill 2727 will provide equal access to movie theaters for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. I also support equal access for the Blind to movies theaters.

Sincerely,

Peggy Liang

Honolulu, Hawaii

LATE

HB2727 Removing Sunset date for Open Captioning Movies

Dear Representative Kawakami:

I am writing in regards to the hearing for HB 2727. I am in support of removing the sunset date for Open Captioned movies in all Hawaii theaters.

I am a hard of hearing person who stopped going to movies as my hearing worsened. Although movies are often loud, even with hearing aids, it was difficult to understand the dialog. Movies stopped being fun to go to—it was a great deal of work to understand.

I started going again when the captioned glasses became available, but I would not go often. They are ok but become progressively more uncomfortable during the movie. I already have glasses of my own, plus the theater glasses, plus the hearing aids. Ears just are not meant for carrying so much equipment.

The open captions is something that will take time for people to utilize. The trial period provided with the sunset requirement, is just not enough time for people to become aware of the service and start utilizing it. I am sure there are people like myself who stopped going to movies. It takes a while to get back to going regularly. It is an education process that needs much more time.

The open captions are a great idea. Movies should be available and comfortable for all. Please allow the open captions to continue.

Thank you for your consideration,

Kay L. Naquin
98-615 Kilinoe St., #6B2
Aiea, HI 96701