
SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE STATE SUSTAINABILITY COORDINATOR TO WORK WITH THE
STATE AND COUNTY FILM OFFICES TO DEVELOP PROTOCOLS TO
ENSURE THAT FILM AND TELEVISION PRODUCTIONS IN HAWAII ARE
UTILIZING SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES.

1 WHEREAS, the production of films and television programs
2 continues to be a lucrative industry in Hawaii; and
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4 WHEREAS, in the 2019 calendar year, the film and television
5 industry in Hawaii:
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7 (1) Spent an estimated \$405 million in production
8 expenditures;
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10 (2) Significantly impacted local employment, by creating a
11 total of 3,303 jobs; and
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13 (3) Generated an estimated:
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15 (A) \$707 million in economic impact; and
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17 (B) \$43.7 million in tax revenues; and
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19 WHEREAS, single use plastics are often used for food,
20 beverages, and other essentials in accommodating large groups of
21 performers and crew members working on film and television
22 productions; and
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24 WHEREAS, there is a growing number of advocates from the
25 global entertainment industry calling for a reduction and
26 eventual ban on single-use plastics on the sets and offices of
27 film and television productions; and
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29 WHEREAS, plastic is one of Earth's most persistent
30 pollutants and has a substantial global effect on climate
31 change; and
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1 WHEREAS, according to a 2014 report by PGA Green, a
2 nonprofit formed by the Producers Guild of America, the average
3 cost to provide water on the set of a film or television
4 production for sixty days could fall from \$11,175 to about
5 \$5,489 if reusable supplies, such as water coolers and reusable
6 bottles, were used instead of single-use plastic water bottles;
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9 WHEREAS, encouraging the film and television industry in
10 Hawaii to shift to alternatives to single-use plastics is
11 consistent with the goals of the State's 2050 Sustainability
12 Plan; and
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14 WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of state and county film
15 offices to issue permits and provide information to filmmakers
16 and television producers working on film and television
17 productions in Hawaii; and
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19 WHEREAS, providing information related to using single-use
20 plastic alternatives and other sustainable practices to
21 filmmakers and producers during the permitting process will
22 promote sustainability across the growing film and television
23 industry in Hawaii; now, therefore,
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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
26 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022,
27 that the State Sustainability Coordinator is urged to work with
28 state and county film offices to develop protocols to ensure
29 that film and television productions in Hawaii are utilizing
30 sustainable practices; and
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
33 Resolution be transmitted to the State Sustainability
34 Coordinator, Hawaii State Film Commissioner, and film
35 commissioners at the Honolulu Film Office, Maui County Film
36 Office, Hawaii Island Film Office, and Kauai Film Commission.

