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Statement of  
**MARY ALICE EVANS, Interim Director**

before the  
**SENATE COMMITTEES ON WATER AND LAND AND ENERGY, ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM**

Wednesday, February 14, 2024

1:00 PM

State Capitol, Conference Room 229

in consideration of  
**SENATE BILL 2789  
RELATING TO LAND USE.**

Chairs Inouye and DeCoite, Vice Chairs Elefante and Wakai, and Members of the Senate Committees on Water and Land and Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism:

The Office of Planning and Sustainable Development (OPSD) **supports the intent** of SB2789, which would amend § 205-6 (a), Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), to allow film production in the State Agricultural District by special permit and add a new part to Chapter 201, HRS, to provide guidelines for film production on Agricultural lands and establish an oversight committee to monitor and enforce compliance with regulations on film permit activities on Agricultural District lands. OPSD offers **comments and amendments**.

The film industry is an important component of the State's efforts to diversify its economy. In addition, responsible film production in agricultural areas can showcase the cultural and historical significance of agricultural zoned lands. Furthermore, allowing film production can augment farmers' income to enhance the agricultural use of the land.

However, film production on agricultural land should not undermine the purpose of the State Agricultural District or hinder active agricultural crop production. Also, film set pieces or temporary structures transferred from the film production company to the agricultural land owner, once film production is completed, should not be used for non-agricultural or non-farm-related uses.

Therefore, OPSD **recommends amendments** to the proposed §201-D:

“(a) Film production on agricultural zoned lands is permitted pursuant to this part; provided the land is not designated as Important Agricultural Lands under Chapter 205, Part III, HRS, is not classified by the Land Study Bureau’s classification system as productivity class A or B, and is not used for active agricultural crop production; provided that the film production company...

“(d) Upon the request of the owner of the agricultural zoned land, the ownership and maintenance responsibilities of any film set piece and temporary structure may be transferred from the film production company to the owner of the agricultural zoned lands; provided that the terms of the transfer require that the set piece and temporary structure only be used for agricultural or accessory uses to the farm and that the terms of the transfer are mutually agreed upon between both parties.”

For proposed section 201-E, OPSD recommends that this section be deleted in its entirety. On page 2, lines, 14, 15, and 16, delete the definition of “Oversight committee” and on page 4 and 5, delete proposed section 201-E.

An Oversight Committee in DBEDT’s Creative Media Division is unnecessary, time-consuming, and burdensome. The functions of the proposed Oversight Committee can be accomplished without codification. The county special use permit authority will provide the oversight envisioned in this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

**JOSH GREEN, M.D.**  
Governor

**SYLVIA LUKE**  
Lt. Governor



**SHARON HURD**  
Chairperson, Board of Agriculture

**DEXTER KISHIDA**  
Deputy to the Chairperson

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**TESTIMONY OF SHARON HURD  
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE**

**BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON WATER AND LAND,  
AND ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2024  
1:00 PM  
CONFERENCE ROOM 229**

**SENATE BILL NO. 2789  
RELATING TO LAND USE**

Chairs Inouye and DeCoite, Vice Chairs Elefante and Wakai and Members of the  
Committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill 2789 that seeks to permit film production on lands that are zoned for agricultural use. The bill establishes with Chapter 201 (Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism) the Agricultural Film Production Land Use Oversight Committee to monitor and enforce compliance with regulations on film permit activities on agricultural lands as zoned by the counties and separate from the provisions of sections 205-2 and -4.5. The Department offers comments and an amendment.

This bill creates a law affecting land use within DBEDT (Chapter 201), with its own permit and regulatory function applicable only to agricultural zoned lands. This



appears to set a precedent that affects Chapter 205 (Land Use Law) and the implications, if any, should be made known.

This bill makes no specific provisions to address direct impacts of film production on agricultural operations on agricultural zoned lands. A “temporary” film production area in an active agricultural setting may be exposed to nuisances (dust, odors, noise from machinery and vehicles, vibration, etc.), especially from intensive agricultural cropping. Film producers need to work around the harvesting of row crops that cannot be put on hold for days or longer.

The proposed “Agriculture Film Production Land Use Oversight Committee” (page 4, line 3 to page 5, line 6) that is to be established within DBEDT’s Creative Industries Division should have agricultural production/land use experts as this new regulatory function only affects agricultural zoned lands. The Committee should also ensure that agricultural operators on the agricultural zoned land for which a film permit is sought are consulted and compensated.

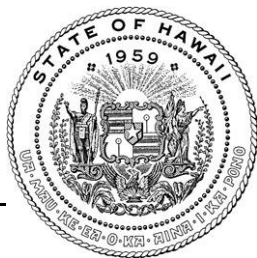
The bill needs to consider language limiting the number of these “temporary” uses on agricultural zoned lands and the frequency in which these uses are allowed (page 3, line 17 to page 4, line 2 and similar on page 5, lines 3-6). There also may be need for an acreage restriction for the “film production area” (page 2, lines 9-10).

The Department proposes the following amendment meant to protect agricultural lands and activities.

(page 2, lines 1-2; deletions are brackets, new language is underscored)

""Agricultural zoned land" means land designated for agricultural purposes under county zoning regulations[.] and is not designated as important agricultural lands, not where the soil is classified by the land study bureau's detailed land classification as overall (master) productivity class A or B, and not where there is active agricultural crop production."

Thank you for the opportunity to present our testimony.



**DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS,  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM**  
KA 'OIHANA HO'OMOHALA PĀ'OIHANA, 'IMI WAIWAI  
A HO'OMĀKA'IKAI

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Statement of  
**JAMES KUNANE TOKIOKA**  
Director  
Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism  
before the  
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND AND  
ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM**

Wednesday, February 14, 2024  
1:00 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room #229

In consideration of  
**SB2789**  
**RELATING TO LAND USE**

Chairs Inouye and DeCoite, Vice Chairs Elefante and Wakai and members of the Committee. The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) supports the intent of the bill which; 1) provides an exemption for film production activities on lands that are zoned for agricultural use and 2) seeks to establish the Agricultural Film Production Land Use Oversight Committee to monitor and enforce compliance with regulations on film permit activities on agricultural zoned lands.

We defer to the Department of Agriculture (DoA), Office of Planning and Sustainable Development (OPSD) and Land Use Commission (LUC) to respond to the substantive sections of this measure which relate to their respective jurisdictional oversight.

The department supports the intent of SB2789 as there have been numerous instances where productions have had impediments when attempting to permit for filming on agricultural zoned lands.

The lengthy timeframe to obtain film permits on agricultural lands has prevented some productions going forward, particularly on the neighbor islands. This often results

in loss of business and jobs for our neighbor island communities looking to diversify their local economy through film production activity.

Showcasing Hawai'i's beauty also can be a direct benefit to ranch and farm owners, providing additional revenue streams for the temporary use, which can support their primary livelihood of their agricultural businesses.

We understand the need for an "Agricultural Film Production Land Use Oversight Committee" and recommend that the County Special Use Permitting process already in place should also be fully explored.

Noting the duties of "enforcing compliance and regulations" are not in the department's statutory authority, this is best aligned with DoA, and other agencies to handle and execute these duties with recommendations by the oversight committee.

DBEDT will work with the introducers of this measure, the DoA, OPSD, LUC, the counties and communities to explore a mechanism to offer a more streamlined, effective film permitting process while maintaining protections for natural resources and culturally sensitive sites.

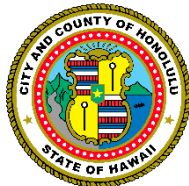
Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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FILM COMMISSIONER  
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Testimony of Walea Constantinau,  
Film Commissioner, Honolulu Film Office  
City and County of Honolulu

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND  
And  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

February 14, 2024  
1:00 PM

State Capitol, Conference Room 229 and via Videoconference

**RE: SB 2789 RELATING TO LAND USE**

**Providing comments in opposition**

Dear Chairs Inouye and DeCoite, Vice-chairs Elefante and Wakai, and members of the committees:

This measure which seeks to allow film production on agricultural lands is well intended but as written does not account for the temporary nature of film production, and the fast pace of the industry. As such, the measure would not be effective in carrying out its intended purpose.

In addition, this measure could have unintended consequences, potentially conflicting with the City and County of Honolulu Revised Ordinances allows for Temporary Uses under section ROH 21-1.60. <https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/honolulu/latest/honolulu/0-0-0-18826>

**§ 21-1.60 Temporary uses.**

*Uses and structures of a temporary nature shall not be governed by this chapter, unless the director determines that significant impacts upon the surrounding area warrant review and, when necessary, the imposition of conditions on the use or structure. Conditions shall be based on impacts upon the surrounding area, and may cover hours of operation, duration of the activity, and general manner of operation.*

We humbly recommend a more streamlined approach, similar to other state statutes and the above be considered in which an exemption for the film industry is included in the appropriate chapter of HRS 205 that clarifies it is an allowable use and requires a permit from the appropriate state and or county film office. The film permitting process would be able to address the appropriate outreach and conditions based on the scope and scale of a project, and in a timely manner.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

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February 14, 2024

HEARING BEFORE THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM

**TESTIMONY ON SB 2789**  
RELATING TO LAND USE

Conference Room 229 & Videoconference  
1:00 PM

Aloha Chairs Inouye and DeCoite, Vice-Chairs Elefante and Wakai, and Members of the Committees:

I am Brian Miyamoto, Executive Director of the Hawai'i Farm Bureau (HFB). Organized since 1948, the HFB is comprised of 1,800 farm family members statewide and serves as Hawai'i's voice of agriculture to protect, advocate, and advance the social, economic, and educational interests of our diverse agricultural community.

**The Hawai'i Farm Bureau provides comments on SB 2789**, which permits film production on lands that are zoned for agricultural use and establishes the Agricultural Film Production Land Use Oversight Committee to monitor and enforce compliance with regulations on film permit activities on agricultural zoned lands.

We strongly support revenue enhancement opportunities for farmers and ranchers. Fostering the profitability of farmers and ranchers will significantly contribute to the State's goal of increased self-sufficiency. However, we believe the primary purpose of the Agricultural District is production agriculture. Accessory activities should be subordinate to bona fide agricultural operations. We believe that other loosely related activities that merely use agriculture as a justification belong in the rural district. Counties should be encouraged to move in this direction, thereby protecting agricultural lands.

Film production within agricultural lands, if allowed, needs to be accessory and secondary to the principal agricultural use should not interfere with surrounding farm operations, and should apply only to a county that has adopted ordinances regulating film production on agriculturally zoned lands. We need to ensure that there is a clear process for allowing film production within agricultural lands and strong regulations and enforcement to prevent abuse.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide comments on this measure.

# IATSE LOCAL 665

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Thirty-Second Legislature, State of Hawai'i  
Regular Session of 2024  
Senate Committee on Water and Land  
Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism

Testimony by IATSE 665  
February 14th, 2024

## **S.B. 2789 - RELATING TO LAND USE**

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, Chair DeCoite, Vice Chair Wakai, and members of the Senate Committees,

My name is Tuia'ana Scanlan, International Trustee and president of IATSE Local 665, the union representing technicians in the entertainment industry in Hawai'i. **Local 665 strongly supports SB 2789**, relating to land use.

SB 2789 will have a direct and significant positive economic impact on the Neighbor islands. This bill will create new revenue streams for rural areas, increase job opportunities for neighbor island residents, and contribute to the diversification of our Neighbor islands' economies. Additionally, our natural resources must be safeguarded. SB 2789 establishes an oversight body to ensure that employers are held accountable for compliance with safety regulations and are accountable for the protection of these precious resources.

**IATSE 665 asks for your committees' support of SB 2789.** Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

In Solidarity,



Tuia'ana Scanlan  
International Trustee  
President, IATSE 665  
(he/him/his)

TO THE SENATE  
KA 'AHA KENEKOA  
THE THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION OF 2024  
COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND  
Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair  
Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair  
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM  
Senator Lynn DeCoite, Chair  
Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair  
DATE: Wednesday, February 14, 2024  
TIME: 1:00 PM  
**HEARING SB2789**



Bill No. SB2789

POSITION: **STRONG SUPPORT**

Aloha Committee Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Committee Members,

I am writing in strong support for SB2789. SB2789 presents a thoughtful approach allowing for economic opportunities. With responsible film productions and the delicate balance of the preservation of agricultural lands in Hawaii. The Agricultural Film Production Land Use Act if implemented not just in empty words regarding the land through oversight measures that will be put into statute and enforced. I support the inclusion of experts in agriculture, conservation, heritage, and filmmaking on this committee ensures a comprehensive approach to monitoring and enforcement, addressing environmental, cultural, and societal concerns that may arise from film production activities.

SB2789 in its current form seeks collaboration with lineal descendants of the lands. Involving these individuals in decision-making processes concerning film production on agricultural-zoned lands is not only respectful of their cultural heritage and historical significance but also ensures that their voices are heard in shaping the future of these lands.

This provision encourages collaboration between film production companies and landowners, promoting mutual respect and understanding of each other's interests. Required interactions with landowners, decedents, and the community foster a sense of trust and respect which is vital for sustainable land use practices.

Furthermore, the establishment of the Agricultural Film Production Land Use Oversight Committee is a crucial step in ensuring that film production activities on agricultural zoned lands are conducted responsibly and under regulations. The bill's provisions regarding the transfer of ownership and maintenance responsibilities of film set pieces and temporary structures to the owner of the agricultural zoned lands, upon request, further demonstrate a commitment to long-term stewardship of these lands.

Overall, SB 2789 strikes a careful balance between promoting economic opportunities through film production and preserving the cultural, historical, and environmental integrity of Hawaii's agricultural lands. I urge the respective committees of this year to pass SB2789 out while staying true to the intent of the bill.

Thank you for reading and allowing me to submit my testimony on this matter.

Mahalo,

Ken Farm

Chair Emeritus,  
Former Chair Neighborhood Board No. 15  
Speaking in my personal capacity,

**SB-2789**

Submitted on: 2/12/2024 2:29:04 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/14/2024 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Zachary Kamen	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Passing this bill how it is written will only complicate and dissuade production from coming to Hawaii to film. This bill needs to be re-written with the help of an actual film production location manager or producer in Hawaii. Government doesn't understand the difficulties and annoyance this will cause for productions with incredibly tight turn arounds. Please re-write this bill so it can coexist and work for the people that are in this field.

**SB-2789**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 11:44:53 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/14/2024 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
hans meier	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Hans Meier. I'm a member of IATSE Local 665, the union representing technicians in the entertainment industry in Hawai'i. **I strongly supports SB 2789**, relating to land use.

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**I humbly ask for your committees' support of SB 2789.** Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

In Solidarity

Hans Meier

**SB-2789**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 11:57:18 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/14/2024 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Joseph Barrett	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, Chair DeCoite, Vice Chair Wakai, and members of the Senate Committees,

My name is Joseph Barrett. I'm a member of IATSE Local 665, the union representing technicians in the entertainment industry in Hawai'i. I strongly supports SB 2789, relating to land use.

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I humbly ask for your committees' support of SB 2789. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

In solidarity,

Joseph Barrett

**SB-2789**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 12:20:56 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/14/2024 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Thomas h. Penny	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Testimony for WTL on 2/14/2024 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Raimar Bylaardt II	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, Chair DeCoite, Vice Chair Wakai, and members of the Senate Committees,

My name is Raimar Bylaardt II.

I'm a member of IATSE Local 665, the union representing technicians in the entertainment industry in Hawai'i. **I strongly supports SB 2789**, relating to land use.

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Raimar Bylaardt II

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Submitted on: 2/13/2024 1:45:18 PM  
Testimony for WTL on 2/14/2024 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Terri Ewton	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Terri Ewton I'm a member of IATSE Local 665, the union representing technicians in the entertainment industry in Hawai'i. I strongly supports SB 2789, relating to land use.

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I humbly ask for your committees' support of SB 2789. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

In Solidarity

Terri Ewton

**SB-2789**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 2:16:49 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/14/2024 1:00:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ron Evans	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**S.B. 2789 - RELATING TO LAND USE**

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, Chair DeCoite, Vice Chair Wakai, and members of the Senate Committees,

My name is Ron Evans. I'm a member of IATSE Local 665, the union representing technicians in the entertainment industry in Hawai'i. **I strongly supports SB 2789**, relating to land use.

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Ron Evans



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**SB-2789**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 2:59:52 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/14/2024 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
kayceekaleofilm@gmail.com	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, Chair DeCoite, Vice Chair Wakai, and members of the Senate Committees,

My name is Kaycee Kaleo Phillips. I'm a member of IATSE Local 665, the union representing technicians in the entertainment industry in Hawai'i. **I strongly support SB 2789**, relating to land use.

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Kaycee Kaleo Phillips

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**SB-2789**

Submitted on: 2/13/2024 5:57:30 PM  
Testimony for WTL on 2/14/2024 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Douglas Pa'ahao Paahao II	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, Chair DeCoite, Vice Chair Wakai, and members of the Senate Committees,

My name is Douglas Paahao II. I'm a member of IATSE Local 665, the union representing technicians in the entertainment industry in Hawai'i. **I strongly supports SB 2789**, relating to land use.

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Douglas Paahao II

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**SB-2789**

Submitted on: 2/14/2024 3:40:50 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/14/2024 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Al Furuto	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Allowing filming on agricultural lands with an oversight committee will enhance the producers choice of locations in addition to making sure the area used is kept and returned to the natural environmental state it was originally in. The exposure of pristine lands will also favorably portray Hawaii as a premier tourist destination. Thank you, Al Furuto member IATSE Local 665

**LATE**

**SB-2789**

Submitted on: 2/14/2024 8:20:49 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/14/2024 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Keahi Kuikahi	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, Chair DeCoite, Vice Chair Wakai, and members of the Senate Committees,

My name is Keahi S Kuikahi. I'm a member of IATSE Local 665, the union representing technicians in the entertainment industry in Hawai'i. **I strongly supports SB 2789**, relating to land use.

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Keahi S Kuikahi





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Testimony for WTL on 2/14/2024 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Larry Schultz	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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