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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CREATIVE MEDIA.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Hawaii film and  
2 television industry has continued to grow over the past twenty  
3 years due, in part, to various state incentives that allow the  
4 State to effectively subsidize some production costs. These  
5 public-private partnerships have not only increased the number  
6 of feature films, television series, and commercial productions  
7 filming in Hawaii, but have also directly increased the number  
8 of media-related jobs and the amount of tax revenue to the  
9 State. During 2020, film production in Hawaii generated a net  
10 of \$104,900,000 in gross domestic product, and many times that  
11 figure in economic benefits from that spending.

12           The legislature further finds that film festivals working  
13 with capitol modern, formerly known as the Hawaii state art  
14 museum, and other institutions have helped to support Hawaii  
15 filmmakers by promoting new and emerging talent in Hawaii,  
16 helping to provide careers in creative media, increasing funding  
17 sources for filmmaking, and supporting creative media



1 collaborations through educational programs. Film festivals in  
2 Hawaii attract tens of thousands of viewers and generate  
3 millions of dollars of further spending and economic benefits.

4 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to establish a  
5 filmmakers special fund for the state foundation on culture and  
6 the arts to award grants for film, media, and creative  
7 industries intellectual property development projects that are  
8 created and produced in Hawaii by Hawaii resident filmmakers.

9 SECTION 2. (a) There is established within the department  
10 of accounting and general services the filmmakers special fund  
11 into which shall be deposited:

12 (1) Appropriations by the legislature to the special fund;  
13 and

14 (2) Gifts, donations, and grants from public agencies and  
15 private persons.

16 (b) In consultation with the creative industries division  
17 of the department of business, economic development, and  
18 tourism, the state foundation on culture and the arts shall  
19 award grants from the filmmakers special fund for film, media,  
20 and creative industries intellectual property development



1 projects that are created and produced by Hawaii resident  
2 filmmakers in Hawaii.

3 SECTION 3. In accordance with section 9 of article VII, of  
4 the Constitution of the State of Hawaii and sections 37-91 and  
5 37-93, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined  
6 that the appropriations contained in this Act will cause the  
7 state general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025  
8 to be exceeded by \$ , or per cent. The reasons  
9 for exceeding the general fund expenditure ceiling are that the  
10 appropriations made in this Act are necessary to serve the  
11 public interest and to meet the needs provided for by this Act.

12 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general  
13 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1,000,000 or so much  
14 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 for  
15 deposit into the filmmakers special fund.

16 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the filmmakers  
17 special fund the sum of \$1,000,000 or so much thereof as may be  
18 necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 for the state foundation on  
19 culture and the arts to award grants for film, media, and  
20 creative industries intellectual property development projects  
21 in Hawaii.



1           The sum appropriated shall be expended by the state  
2 foundation on culture and the arts for the purposes of this Act.

3           SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2024;  
4 provided that this Act shall be repealed on June 30, 2029.

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INTRODUCED BY:           *SGA*          

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# H.B. NO. 2747

**Report Title:**

Filmmakers Special Fund; State Foundation on Culture and the Arts; DBEDT; Creative Industries Division; Grant; General Fund Expenditure Ceiling Exceeded

**Description:**

Establishes the Filmmakers Special Fund. Requires the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts to award grants for film, media, and creative industries intellectual property development projects in Hawaii. Requires consultation with the Creative Industries Division of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism. Repeals 6/30/2029. Declares that the appropriation exceeds the state general fund expenditure ceiling for 2024-2025.

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