
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A MANAGEMENT AND FINANCIAL
AUDIT OF THE HAWAII FILM AND CREATIVE INDUSTRIES
DEVELOPMENT SPECIAL FUND.

1 WHEREAS, film festivals have helped support Hawaii
2 filmmakers by promoting new and emerging talent in the State,
3 providing careers in creative media, increasing funding sources
4 for filmmaking, and supporting creative media collaborations
5 through educational programs; and
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7 WHEREAS, film festivals in Hawaii attract tens of thousands
8 of viewers and generate millions of dollars in additional
9 spending and economic benefits; and
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11 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Film and Creative Industries
12 Development Special fund was originally established by Act 285,
13 Session Laws of Hawaii 2000, as the Hawaii Television and Film
14 Development Special Fund whose purposes included awarding grants
15 for eligible Hawaii projects; and
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17 WHEREAS, Act 193, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022, amended the
18 funding sources and authorized uses of the Hawaii Film and
19 Creative Industries Development Special Fund, the purpose of
20 which now includes providing seed capital for film, media,
21 electronic sports, and creative industries intellectual property
22 development projects; and
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24 WHEREAS, however, the Hawaii Film and Creative Industries
25 Development Special Fund has been ineffective at supporting
26 Hawaii's filmmakers by failing to award grants for these
27 projects; and
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29 WHEREAS, a management and financial audit of the Hawaii
30 Film and Creative Industries Development Special Fund could help
31 identify any shortcomings in the current distribution of funds



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1 in the Special fund and determine any necessary changes to
2 increase the effectiveness of the Special Fund; now, therefore,
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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
5 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
6 Session of 2024, that the Office of the Auditor is requested to
7 conduct a management and financial audit of the Hawaii Film and
8 Creative Industries Development Special Fund; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of the Auditor is
11 requested to submit a report of its management and financial
12 audit, including findings and recommendations and any proposed
13 legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior
14 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2025; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
17 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Business, Economic
18 Development, and Tourism; and Auditor.
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OFFERED BY: _____



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