
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAII FILM AND CREATIVE INDUSTRIES DEVELOPMENT SPECIAL FUND.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 201-113, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:
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4 (a) There is established in the state treasury the Hawaii
5 film and creative industries development special fund into which
6 shall be deposited:
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8 (1) Appropriations by the legislature;
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10 (2) Donations and contributions made by private
11 individuals or organizations for deposit into the
12 fund;
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14 (3) Grants provided by governmental agencies or any other
15 source;
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17 (4) Effective January 2, 2023, all revenues, fees, and
charges from the processing of the motion picture,
digital media, and film production income tax credit
pursuant to section 235-17; and
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19 (5) ~~Effective July 1, 2022, all existing and future]~~ All
20 revenues, fees, and income received by the department

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1 from its management of public facilities that support
2 media and entertainment workforce and business
3 development, ~~[with the exception of]~~ including the
4 Hawaii film studio."

5 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
6 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

7 SECTION 3. This Act, upon its approval, shall take effect
8 on July 1, 2026.

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10 INTRODUCED BY: Nadine K. Nahm

11 BY REQUEST

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Report Title:

DBEDT; Hawaii Film and Creative Industries Development Special Fund; Hawaii Film Studio

Description:

Expands the funding sources of the Hawaii Film and Creative Industries Development Special Fund to include revenues received by the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism from managing the Hawaii Film Studio.

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JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Business, Economic Development, and Tourism

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII FILM AND CREATIVE INDUSTRIES DEVELOPMENT SPECIAL FUND.

PURPOSE: To allow revenues generated from the management of the Hawaii Film Studio to be deposited into and expended out of the Hawaii Film and Creative Industries Development Special Fund.

MEANS: Amend section 201-113(a), Hawaii Revised Statutes.

JUSTIFICATION: This bill will expand funding resources to support a sustainable ecosystem for the creative economy's media and entertainment sectors, aligning with the strategic vision to strengthen workforce and talent development, infrastructure development, and access to capital in the State.

Impact on the public: The bill would provide a foundation for expanding Hawaii's creative industries, supporting growth, innovation, and new opportunities for the public.

Impact on the department and other agencies:
None.

GENERAL FUND: Reduction of up to \$400,000 per year.

OTHER FUNDS: None.

PPBS PROGRAM
DESIGNATION: BED-105.

OTHER AFFECTED
AGENCIES: Department of Budget and Finance.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2026.