
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND
TOURISM TO ESTABLISH A THREE-YEAR BUSINESS PLAN AND A
STRATEGIC VISION FOR THE HAWAII FILM STUDIO.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii's film and television industry has
2 experienced substantial growth over the past two decades, driven
3 in large part by state tax incentives that have attracted a
4 steady stream of feature films, television series, and
5 commercial productions to the State; and

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7 WHEREAS, this increase in production activity has not only
8 elevated Hawaii's global visibility but also become a catalyst
9 for the development of a highly skilled local workforce and a
10 thriving ecosystem of service and equipment vendors; and

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12 WHEREAS, the film and television industry provides a
13 significant economic impact for the State, as production
14 companies spend millions of dollars on hiring local crew members
15 and purchasing materials locally; and

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17 WHEREAS, central to this success is the work of the Hawaii
18 Film Office, housed within the Department of Business, Economic
19 Development, and Tourism, which plays a key role in film
20 permitting, tax incentive administration, and oversight of the
21 State's studio assets; and

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23 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Film Studio, located on a gated 7.5-
24 acre lot at the base of Diamond Head, is the only state-owned
25 and operated film studio in the nation and serves as a stable,
26 secure, and well-equipped production facility; and

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28 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Film Studio features a soundproof
29 16,500-square-foot soundstage, production offices, mill space,
30 storage, and utility infrastructure to support diverse
31 production needs; and



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WHEREAS, the Hawaii Film Studio has served as the production headquarters for numerous television hits such as Hawaii Five-0, Magnum, P.I., and NCIS: Hawaii, as well as for films, documentaries, and commercials; and

WHEREAS, to ensure that the Hawaii Film Studio remains a competitive and vital asset within today's rapidly evolving film and television industry, the State must develop a business plan and strategic vision for its growth, modernization, and strategic positioning; now, therefore,

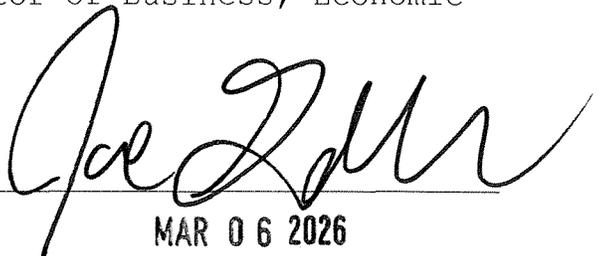
BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2026, that the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism is urged to develop a three-year business plan and a strategic vision for the Hawaii Film Studio; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to consider the Hawaii Film Studio's long-term development and how the studio aligns with the State's broader film industry goals; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to submit its three-year business plan and strategic vision, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2027; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

OFFERED BY:


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