
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO NOT CHARGE THE STATE RENT FOR THE USE OF THE KALAELOA FILM STUDIO LAND AND FACILITIES AND ENTER INTO A LONG-TERM LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE FOR SUCH USE.

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 lift for the State, as production companies
14 spend millions of dollars on hiring local crew members and
15 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, despite the long and successful history of film
24 and television production in the State, all film and television
25 productions filmed in Hawaii wrapped in 2025 and no new
26 productions have taken their place; and

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28 WHEREAS, the high cost of film and television production in
29 Hawaii has significantly contributed to the decline of the
30 State's film and television industry; and



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2 WHEREAS, to ensure that Hawaii remains a competitive and
3 attractive location for film and television productions in the
4 rapidly evolving film and television industry, the State must
5 develop a long-term strategic plan for its growth,
6 modernization, and economic positioning; and
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8 WHEREAS, in 2021, the State opened the second of its
9 managed sound stages—the Kalaeloa Film Studio, also known as the
10 Kalaeloa Navy Stages, on the former Naval Air Station Barbers
11 Point, as a satellite of the Hawaii Film Studio to provide
12 facilities for up to two additional film productions on the
13 island of Oahu; and
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15 WHEREAS, neither of these two sound stages meets the scale
16 that most productions require, so many productions come to
17 Hawaii for exterior shots but shoot indoor scenes on larger,
18 soundproof stages outside of Hawaii; and
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20 WHEREAS, ensuring the stability and viability of the
21 State's film studios is critical to maintaining and improving
22 the State's film industry; now, therefore,
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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
25 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
26 of 2026, that this body urges the United States Navy to not
27 charge the State rent for the use of the Kalaeloa Film Studio
28 land and facilities and enter into a long- term lease agreement
29 with the State for the use of the Kalaeloa Film Studio land and
30 facilities; and
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Business,
33 Economic Development, and Tourism is urged to:

- 34 (1) Develop a three-year business plan and a strategic
35 vision for the Kalaeloa Film Studio;
36 (2) Consider the Kalaeloa Film Studio's long-term
37 development and how the studio aligns with the State's
38 broader film and television industry goals; and
39 (3) Submit its three-year business plan and strategic
40 vision for the Kalaeloa Film Studio, including any
41 proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than



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1 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular
2 Session of 2027; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
5 Resolution be transmitted to the Commander of the Navy Region,
6 Hawaii; Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism;
7 and Executive Director of the Hawaii Community Development
8 Authority.

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