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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FILMING.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 201, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§201- Production permits; production tax credit;

5 information; public notice. (a) Whenever the department,

6 pursuant to section 201-3(b) or 201-14:

7 (1) Issues a permit to; or

8 (2) Enters into a memorandum of agreement or memorandum of

9 understanding with,

10 any person to film a motion picture, television show, television

11 commercial, or other visually recorded production at state-

12 administered locations under the department's film permitting

13 authority, the department shall, within five business days,

14 provide public notice of the information required in subsection

15 (c); provided that during emergency situations, the department

16 shall provide public notice of the information required in

17 subsection (c) within fourteen business days.



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1        The information required in subsection (c) shall also be  
2 made available, at the same time public notice is provided, on a  
3 publicly accessible part of the department's website.

4        (b) Whenever the department, in accordance with section  
5 235-17:

6        (1) Receives registration for prequalification by a  
7 taxpayer pursuant to section 235-17(f;) or

8        (2) Determines that a taxpayer qualifies for the motion  
9 picture, digital media, and film production income tax  
10 credit,

11 the department shall, within five business days, provide public  
12 notification of the information required in subsection (c);  
13 provided that during emergency situations, the department shall  
14 provide public notice of the information required in subsection  
15 (c) within fourteen business days.

16        The information required in subsection (c) shall also be  
17 made available, at the same time public notice is provided, on a  
18 publicly accessible part of the department's website.

19        As used in this subsection, "taxpayer" means a person  
20 subject to a tax imposed by chapter 235.



1        (c) The information provided by the department shall  
2 consist of:

3        (1) The name of the production; and

4        (2) The contact information of a designated representative  
5            for the production, including the representative's  
6            phone number, electronic mail address, and physical  
7            mailing address.

8        (d) Any individual may sign up with the department to  
9 receive the public notice required under this section. The  
10 department shall provide the public notice by electronic mail  
11 or, subject to any reasonable fee the department may assess to  
12 recover the costs of postage, supplies, staffing, and other  
13 related expenses, postal mail.

14        (e) The department shall provide public notice required  
15 under this section once per year per production.

16        (f) The department may adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91  
17 to implement this section."

18        SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

19        SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



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**Report Title:**

Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Film Permits; Tax Credit; Information; Public Notice

**Description:**

Requires the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to provide public notice of certain information whenever a production obtains a permit or enters into a memorandum of agreement or understanding with DBEDT to film a visually recorded production at certain locations. Requires DBEDT to provide public notice of certain information whenever a production registers for pre-qualification or is determined to qualify for the Motion Picture, Digital Media, and Film Production Income Tax Credit and simultaneously post notice on a publicly accessible part of its website. Allows individuals to sign up to receive notice by electronic mail or postal mail.

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