

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **3702**

Honolulu, Hawaii

**APR 10 2026**

RE: H.B. No. 1576  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2026  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 1576, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FILMING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to facilitate transparency in the State's film industry.

More specifically, this measure:

- (1) Requires the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to provide public notice of certain information and to simultaneously post the notice on a publicly accessible part of its website whenever a production:
  - (A) Obtains a permit or enters into a memorandum of agreement or understanding with the Department to film a visually recorded production at certain locations; or
  - (B) Registers for pre-qualification or is determined to qualify for the Motion Picture, Digital Media, and Film Production Income Tax Credit;



- (2) Allows individuals to sign up to receive the public notice by electronic mail or postal mail; and
- (3) Provides an exemption from prior approval of the Board of Land and Natural Resources for dispositions of lands set aside for filming and film studio operation.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Hawaii Film Alliance, Hawaii Teamsters Local 996, and six individuals.

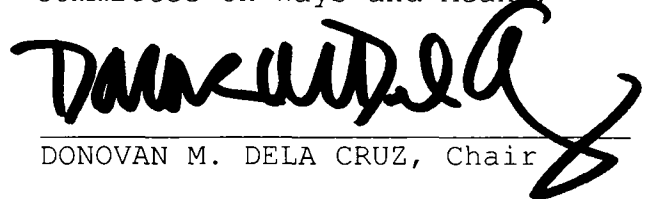
Your Committee received written comments in opposition to this measure from the Libertarian Party of Hawaii and one individual.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Creative Industries Division of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

Your Committee finds that increased transparency and the public accessibility of information regarding film productions and related tax credit activities are necessary to foster trust between the community and the State's film industry. Your Committee believes that by requiring timely public notice of production permits, agreements, and tax credit qualifications, as well as providing this information on a publicly accessible website, this measure promotes accountability and ensures that residents are adequately informed when filming activities occur at state-administered sites.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1576, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

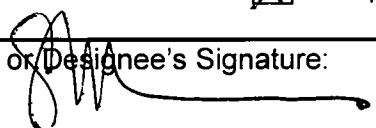
Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,

  
DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate  
Thirty-Third Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Ways and Means**  
**WAM**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 1576, HD1, SD1	EDT, WAM	4/7/2026		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	X			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris				X
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim"	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
<b>TOTAL</b>	12	0	0	1
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
Distribution:				
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