

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2689

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 20 2026

RE: S.B. No. 3085  
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Economic Development and Tourism and Water, Land, Culture and the Arts, to which was referred S.B. No. 3085 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII FILM STUDIO,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to provide an exemption to dispositions of lands set aside for film studio and film studio operation from prior approval of the Board of Land and Natural Resources pursuant to section 171-11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, thus streamlining the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism's use of the Hawaii Film Studio for filming activity and other film-related business in order to more efficiently develop the State's film, media, and creative industries.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Creative Industries Division of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Hawai'i Film Alliance; CARES; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; Kapolei Chamber of Commerce; and five individuals.

Your Committees find that the State has invested over \$25,000,000 in capital improvements at the Hawaii Film Studio, however it can be challenging for potential tenants to quickly and



easily secure a lease at the site. This measure would ensure the State's investment is delivering its intended economic benefits and supporting local film, media, and creative industries by enabling a streamlined approach for lease approvals at the Hawaii Film Studio.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

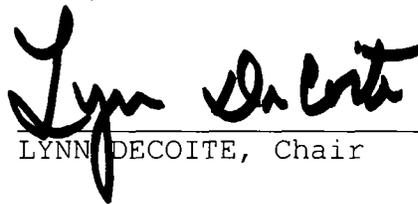
- (1) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Economic Development and Tourism and Water, Land, Culture and the Arts that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3085, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3085, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Economic  
Development and Tourism and  
Water, Land, Culture and the  
Arts,



CHRIS LEE, Chair



LYNN DECOITE, Chair





The Senate  
 Thirty-Third Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Water, Land, Culture and the Arts**  
**WLA**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 3085	EDT/WLA, WAM	2-19-2026		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
LEE, Chris (C)	✓			
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (VC)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley	✓			
LAMOSAO, Rachele	✓			
DECORTE, Samantha	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	5	0	0	0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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