
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING DEVELOPMENT OF A PLAN TO EXAMINE THE LONG-TERM USES
OF THE HAWAII FILM STUDIO DIAMOND HEAD CAMPUS.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii's film industry was established in 1898
2 with the first moving images; and
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4 WHEREAS, the State established the Hawaii Film Studio in
5 1976 on former University of Hawaii land, initially in support
6 of the original Hawaii Five-0 series, but moreover in an effort
7 to provide greater incentive for film and television productions
8 to film in Hawaii; and
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10 WHEREAS, in 1989 the 7.5-acre property was transferred by
11 Executive Order from the University of Hawaii to the Department
12 of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism and the
13 department's Hawaii Film Office began managing the facility; and
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15 WHEREAS, more than twenty major motion pictures and
16 television productions have utilized the film studio including
17 *Hawaii Five-0*, *Magnum P.I.*, *Mighty Joe Young*, *Final Fantasy*,
18 *Blue Crush*, *Tears of the Sun*, *Hawaii*, *North Shore*, *LOST*, *Off The*
19 *Map*, and *The River*; and
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21 WHEREAS, there is a desire to expand the industry further,
22 yet there is an acute lack of studio space statewide; and
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24 WHEREAS, since 1986 the Legislature has approved more than
25 \$17,000,000 to develop the Hawaii Film Studio campus that has
26 resulted in a state-of-the-art soundstage, new production
27 offices, and set construction facilities and other improvements;
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30 WHEREAS, in order to protect the State's significant
31 investment in the facility to date, the Department of Business,
32 Economic Development, and Tourism is seeking \$3,450,000 in
33 capital improvements for repairs, general maintenance, and basic



1 improvements at the Hawaii Film Studio in the State's fiscal
2 year 2013 supplemental budget; and

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4 WHEREAS, the existing Hawaii Film Studio campus is located
5 adjacent to the Diamond Head state monument; adjacent to unique
6 and sensitive residential communities of Kahala, Diamond Head,
7 Kaimuki, and Kapahulu; and near Kapiolani Park; now, therefore,
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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
10 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012, the
11 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
12 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, with the
13 cooperation of the University of Hawaii, Kapiolani Community
14 College, and the Hawaii Tourism Authority, is requested to
15 develop a plan to examine the long-term uses of the Hawaii Film
16 Studio Diamond Head campus, including:

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- 18 (1) Transitioning the use of the facility to provide
- 19 administrative support for the operations of Hawaii's
- 20 film and digital media programs if increased
- 21 production facility infrastructure is developed
- 22 elsewhere on Oahu;
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- 24 (2) Serving as a training and laboratory facility in
- 25 conjunction with expanded film and digital media
- 26 educational programs; or
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- 28 (3) Continuing the current use as a film and television
- 29 production facility; and
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the plan consider the impacts
32 of continued production activity or proposed alternative uses on
33 adjacent neighborhoods and solicit input from neighbors in such
34 residential communities as Kahala, Diamond Head, Kaimuki, and
35 Kapahulu, neighborhood boards, and Diamond Head State Monument
36 administrators; and

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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the plan examine the
39 feasibility of expanding the Hawaii Film Studio Diamond Head
40 campus to accommodate increased production activity, taking into
41 consideration previous studies and reports that have identified
42 such challenges as the limited production footprint of the
43 studio's Diamond Head campus, as well as sensitivities of the
44 surrounding community and Diamond Head State Monument; and



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2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Business,
3 Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to submit the
4 plan to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the
5 convening of the Regular Session of 2013; and
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
8 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; Director
9 of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; President of the
10 University of Hawaii System; Chancellor of Kapiolani Community
11 College; President and Chief Executive Officer of the Hawaii
12 Tourism Authority; Chair of the Waiialae-Kahala Neighborhood
13 Board No. 3; Chair of the Kaimuki Neighborhood Board No. 4;
14 Chair of the Diamond Head/Kapahulu/St. Louis Heights
15 Neighborhood Board No. 5; Administrator of the State Parks
16 Division of the Department of Land and Natural Resources; and
17 President of the East Diamond Head Association.
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