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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MOVIE THEATERS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 489-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3 "(a) A public accommodation that owns, leases, leases to,  
4 or operates a motion picture theater in more than two locations  
5 in the State shall provide[+]

6 ~~(1) Open~~ open movie captioning during at least [~~one~~  
7 ~~showing~~] two showings per week of each motion picture  
8 that is produced and offered with open movie  
9 captioning[; ~~or~~

10 ~~(2) A personal closed captioning system by means of~~  
11 ~~lightweight eyewear for a motion picture that is~~  
12 ~~produced and offered with closed captioning content]."~~

13 SECTION 2. Act 39, Session Laws of Hawaii 2015, as amended  
14 by section 2 of Act 211, Session Laws of Hawaii 2017, is amended  
15 by amending section 3 to read as follows:

16 "SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2016  
17 [~~, and shall be repealed on January 1, 2020~~]."



1 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

3 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Motion Picture Theater Accommodation; Closed Captioning

**Description:**

Requires a movie theater to provide at least two showings per week per movie offered with open movie captioning. Removes the option of a movie theater to provide eyewear to fulfill the movie captioning requirement. Makes the requirement permanent by repealing the sunset date from Act 39, Session Laws of Hawaii 2015. (HB1009 HD1)

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