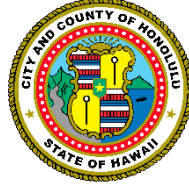


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September 21, 2026

The Honorable Augie Tulba, Chair
Committee on Public Safety & Economy
and Committee Members
Honolulu City Council
530 South King Street, Room 202
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF RESOLUTION 26-211, CD1 (ATUL1)

Dear Chair Tulba and Members of the Committee,

The Honolulu Film Office wholeheartedly supports Resolution 26-211, CD1 which encourages the University of Hawai'i's Board of Regents to approve the request made by the University of Hawai'i-West O'ahu (UHWO) to approve the Exclusive Negotiations Agreement ("ENA") with Island Productions for the development of a significant purpose-built film studio complex adjacent to UHWO.

Hawai'i is poised to become the production hub of the Pacific with the potential for Hawai'i's film industry to become a \$1 billion industry for the State. The development of a proper studio complex coupled with competitive tax credits would position Hawai'i well to achieve this realistic goal.

In December of 2024 the Honolulu City Council passed Bill 59 (2023), CD2, FD1 to encourage the development of a minimum \$100 million facility on a minimum of 10-acres of land to support the construction of a film studio complex. The Legislature of the State of Hawaii in 2026 passed Act 188 that supports the growth of the film industry which contains integrated workforce development and infrastructure development initiatives that supports Bill 59's intentions. Additionally, the federal government, with support of the White House, is actively discussing passing legislation by the end of 2026 to further support film production in the United States by establishing a Federal Film Tax Credit.

The alignment of Federal, State and City initiatives to grow, support and drive film production makes the adoption of the agreement vital. We respectfully request your favorable vote of this resolution.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Walea L. Constantinou".

Walea Constantinou
Honolulu Film Commissioner

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