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SCR 36, SD2 REQUESTING DEVELOPMENT OF A PLAN TO EXAMINE THE LONG-TERM USES OF THE HAWAII FILM STUDIO DIAMOND HEAD CAMPUS

Chairs Nishimoto and McKelvey, Vice Chairs Nakashima and Choy and Members of the Committees:

Kapi'olani Community College supports SCR36, SD2 to develop, in collaboration with the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism and the Hawai'i Tourism Authority, a plan for the expansion of the Hawai'i Film Studio to accommodate increased studio capacity. As part of its mission, i.e., to use human, physical, technological and financial resources effectively and efficiently to achieve ambitious educational goals and generate a solid return on the public's investment for a sustainable future; and to build partnerships within the University and with other educational, governmental, business, and non-profit organizations to support improved lifelong learning, the college is well positioned to participate in offering alternatives for expansion in this area.

The College supports the efforts of DBEDT to increase the economic stability of the State's economy by increasing its capacity to promote the film and television industry on O'ahu and Kapi'olani Community College is a willing partner to develop a plan that complements the College's LRDP and promotes synergies with our academic programs.