



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

## Legislative Testimony

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House Committee on Finance  
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by

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on behalf of

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HB 1495 HD1 – RELATING TO MOTION PICTURE, DIGITAL MEDIA, AND FILM  
PRODUCTION

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita, and Members of the Committee:

The University of Hawai'i (UH) understands the intent and appreciates the amendments made in HB 1495 HD1, but the inclusion of the phrase “facilitating film production” may, in passage, result in unintended consequences that may prevent or deprive faculty members from necessary professional development and scholarship opportunities vital to their teaching career.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.