

FilmHawaii

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The Creative Industries Division was established in 2003 to advocate and accelerate the growth of Hawaii's arts, culture, music, film, television, digital media sectors to transition Hawaii's economy to one based on innovation and human capital.

The Hawaii Film Office within the Creative Industries Division is responsible for the following core functions:

- Provides production information and support for film, television and digital media projects which include TV series, feature films, commercials, still photography, animation, and other film/video/new media projects.
- Assists productions in dealing with any particular cultural or environmental sensitivities for locations across the state.
- Processes and facilitates state wide filming and photography permits via a "One-Stop" permit process.
- Markets and manages the Hawaii Film Studio, the only professional soundstages in the state.
- Co-manages Act 88 with The Department of Taxation (DoTAX), the Film Industry's 15%-20% tax credit. Provides interested productions an overview of all tax credits/requirements to qualify relating to film production.
- Markets the State of Hawaii, in conjunction with the Film Offices of the Hawaiian Islands (County film offices) as an ideal filming destination, including maintaining and responding to inquiries from hawaiiifilmoffice.com, developing marketing programs, and promotional materials; participating in industry trade shows and film festivals; and publicizing film industry developments.
- Coordinates legislative initiatives relating to the local film industry, including writing and revising film-related bills for the administration, writing testimonies responding to all film-related bills, answering legislative inquiries, and publicizing legislative initiatives to garner industry support.
- Coordinates programs to develop the local filmmaking community, such as organizing educational seminars, mentorship and internship opportunities, and strategic partnerships.

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**The Creative Industries Division (CID) DBEDT is comprised of:
The Hawaii Film Office (HFO) and The Arts and Culture Development Branch (ACDB)**

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Division Administrator / Film Industry Liaison

Manages operations of division and its branches, film, digital media and creative industry business development, Act 88 co-management with DoTAX, industry marketing, issues management, film permitting as needed.

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Branch Chief, Arts and Culture Development branch

Film permitting, manages arts, culture, music initiatives, provides legislative support for division

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Film Development Specialist/Studio Coordinator

Manages all inquiries re: film permitting, delegates to staff, studio coordination, statistics, contracts and budgeting for HFO

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Hawaii Film Studio Manager

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Economic Development Specialist

Film permitting, project coordinator for music, arts, culture, division marketing support

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Economic Development Specialist

Support for administrator on Act 88, HFO website updates, permitting, workforce development

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Division Administrative Assistant

Manages CID/HFO phones, messaging, routing, correspondence, assists with annual permits