

RECOMMENDATION FOR AN ORDINANCE

As part of the Hawaii County permitting process, the ordinance would require film production companies to submit a waste management plan that details the types and approximate volumes of waste that will be generated during their production and how they will be managed. The ordinance would require the plan to detail strategies aimed at reducing waste; it would also require the plan to provide local nonprofit organizations with access to materials suitable for salvage or redemption, including construction materials and Hi5 containers.

Rationale: Film production crews generate significant quantities of waste and have been known to send these materials to landfill, including those that are easily diverted such as green waste and Hi5 containers. County efforts to expand the movie industry, will only increase these impacts.

A handful of local, smaller level production companies regularly contract with mainland companies to provide on-site logistics, and, while many of them are eager and willing to provide services that would reduce waste-related environmental impacts, they report that they are unable to do so because such activities are not included in production budgets.

Making waste management plans a requirement for Hawaii Island film productions will ensure that funding for these activities will be included in production budgets.