



**Department of Business, Economic Development &
Tourism
Creative Industries Division**

Standard Film Permits

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Project Overview

Current: The Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism (DBEDT) currently processes all Standard Film Permits for films shot in Hawaii using email and paper forms for data collection and intake. Communications and approvals are handled via e-mail. Application fees are all handled via paper check or other approved department methods

Enhancements: The improvements will be in the following phases:

Phase 1: Online Film Permit Management Solution that acts as a centralized system for submitting, reviewing, approving, and tracking Hawaii State film permit applications.

Public Portal: Applicants can submit permits online, view/manage applications, print permits, access attachments, and receive notifications.

HFO (Hawaii Film Office) Agency Portal: Agencies can review applications, approve/deny permits, collect fees, manage attachments, and receive notifications.

HFO Administration: HFO staff can route applications, manage approvals, track submission history, maintain agency/contact data, and oversee the permit process.

Phase II Enhancements: Attachment consolidation (up to 20 files/PDF, 512MB limit), agency approval updates, reporting/export capabilities, and automated county status notifications.

Fees & Cost Structure: Fixed



Development

\$*65,000



Hosting

*\$800 annual



Maintenance / Support

*\$14200.00 annual



Transaction Fees

None

*Amounts listed do not include General Excise Tax

Phase I – Infrastructure and redesign – \$50,000

Phase II - New custom mapping tool - \$15,000

Transaction Fees Breakdown

- None

Revenue

- FY2027 transactions: 800-1200
(expected film permits)

Statutory Fee(s)

- None

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