



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
STATE OF HAWAII
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Ms. Tina Joyner, Vice President
Maryland Association of the Deaf
P.O. Box 527
Burtonsville, MD 20866

Subject: Support for House Bill 1238, Open Captioning at Movie Theatres

Dear Ms. Joyner:

Thank you for contacting me regarding House Bill (HB) 1238, Open Captioning at Movie Theatres. I am pleased to support this bill.

As you know, Hawaii adopted Act 154 in 2019. This bill required movie theaters to provide at least two showings per week per movie offered with open movie captioning. Since then, our deaf, hard of hearing, and DeafBlind individuals have been able to enjoy movies. This has been especially popular with senior citizens.

I was pleased to introduce and support the adoption of Act 154 in Hawaii. I hope that the State of Maryland will join Hawaii in adopting a similar measure.

Best wishes as your General Assembly continues to consider HB 1238.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott K. Saiki".

Scott K. Saiki
Speaker of the House