Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 7, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 1923

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Third State Legislature Regular Session of 2006 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Tourism & Culture, to which was referred H.B. No. 1923 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY," begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to maintain the operational efficiency of the Hawaii Tourism Authority (HTA) by, among other things, making permanent:

- (1) HTA's authority to retain attorneys independent of the Attorney General;
- (2) The exemption of HTA's accounts from supervision by the Comptroller;
- (3) The requirement that HTA preaudit all of its proposed payments to determine the propriety of expenditures and compliance with applicable laws;
- (4) The requirement that HTA maintain records and documents necessary to support its disbursements of funds for operating expenses;
- (5) The provision that exempts moneys deposited by HTA into the Convention Center Enterprise Special Fund and the Tourism Special Fund (TSF) from being deposited into the state treasury;

- (6) HTA's authority to appoint a sports coordinator;
- (7) The provision that establishes that all interest and revenues or receipts derived by HTA from projects or project agreements shall be deposited into the TSF; and
- (8) The increase, to 5 percent from 3.5 percent, in TSF funds that may be used for administrative expenses.

HTA, Outrigger Hotels, and the Hawaii Hotel & Lodging Association supported this bill.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Tourism & Culture that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1923 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Tourism & Culture,

JEKRY L. CHANG, Chair

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Tourism & Culture

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1923	Date: 2	- 2.06		
Committee Referral: TAC, JUD, FIN	☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.			
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended	☐ Pass, with amendments			
☐ Hold	☐ Recommit			
TAC Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. CHANG, Jerry L. (C)				
2. YAMASHITA, Kyle T. (VC)				
3. ABINSAY, Felipe P., Jr.				
4. KARAMATSU, Jon Riki				
5. MAGAOAY, Michael Y.				
6. TSUJI, Clift				
7. WAKAI, Glenn				
8. CHING, Corinne W.L.				
9. MARUMOTO, Barbara C.				
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The recommendation is: Adopted				
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Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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