STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1657

Honolulu, Hawaii

RE: H.C.R. No. 288 H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Fourth State Legislature Regular Session of 2007 State of Hawaii

## Sir:

Your Committee on International Affairs, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 288 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM, THE HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY, AND THE HAWAII VISITORS AND CONVENTION BUREAU TO CONDUCT ACTIVITIES TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF VISITORS FROM TAIWAN,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to request the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT), Hawaii Tourism Authority (HTA), and Hawaii Visitors and Convention Bureau to undertake activities to increase the number of visitors from Taiwan.

HTA and several concerned individuals testified in support of this concurrent resolution. DBEDT supported the intent of this measure.

Your Committee has amended this concurrent resolution by:

- (1) Requesting the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) and U.S. Department of Homeland Security to offer a visa waiver program to visitors from Taiwan;
- (2) Requesting DBEDT to find local products suitable for exportation to Taiwan;

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- (3) Sending certified copies of this measure to the Secretary of Homeland Security and Director of USCIS; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on International Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 288, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Tourism & Culture in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 288, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on International Affairs,

KIDA T.R. CABANILLA, Chair

## State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-fourth Legislature

## **Record of Votes of the Committee on International Affairs**

Bill/Resolution No.:  HCR 288	Date: 3	3 - 28 - 07	7	
Committee Referral:	☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.			
The recommendation is to:  Pass, unamended	Pass, with amendments			
☐ Hold	Pass, with amendments, for recommittal for further consideration			
INT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. CABANILLA, Rida T.R. (C)				
2. TOKIOKA, James Kunane (VC)				
3. BELATTI, Della Au				
4. BERTRAM, Joe, III				1
5. GREEN, Josh, M.D.				
6. MIZUNO, John	(			
7. RHOADS, Karl				
8. SHIMABUKURO, Maile S. L.	<u> </u>			
9. TAKAI, K. Mark				
10. AWANA, Karen Leinani	The first of the state of the s			
11. WARD, Gene, Ph.D.				
TOTAL	7 %			34
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:	ommittee acronym(	(s)	ort recommendation	
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