

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 899

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 6, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 994 .
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 994, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TOURISM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

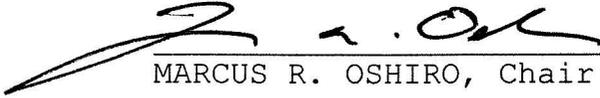
The purpose of this bill is to encourage the growth of the technology sector of Hawaii's economy and expand the State's tourism potential through space tourism by appropriating funds to apply for a spaceport license from the Federal Aviation Administration.

Rocketplane Global, Inc., the Hokkaido Aerospace Science & Technology Incubation Center, and two concerned individuals supported this bill. The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism offered comments.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 994, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Finance,


MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



