THE SENATE THE TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION OF 2009

COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, February 03, 2009

TIME: 2:45 PM

PLACE: Conference Room 229

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

<u>A G E N D A</u>

SB 9 Testimony Status	RELATING TO TRANSIENT ACCOMMODATIONS TAX. Repeals the cap on transient accommodations tax deposits to the convention center enterprise special fund and changes the percentage amount of revenue deposited into the tourism special fund.	TSM, WAM
SB 264 Testimony Status	RELATING TO TOURISM. Makes technical amendment to tourism law regarding development of measures of effectiveness.	TSM
SB 271 Testimony Status	RELATING TO TOURISM EMERGENCY. Adds a national or global economic crisis to situations considered a tourism emergency. Requires, in addition to the governor's declaration of the existence of a tourism emergency, the governor's express approval and direction before action may be taken.	TSM
SB 279 Testimony Status	RELATING TO TRANSIENT ACCOMMODATIONS TAX. Provides a vehicle to increase the TAT to pay for culturally-related programs.	TSM, WAM
SB 284 Testimony Status	RELATING TO THE TRANSIENT ACCOMMODATIONS TAX. Requires that not less than % of moneys allocated to the tourism special fund from the transient accommodations tax be used for tourism product development.	TSM, WAM

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

FOR AMENDED HEARING NOTICES: If the notice is an amended notice, measures that have been deleted are stricken through and measures that have been added are underscored. If there is a measure that is both underscored and stricken through, that measure has been deleted from the agenda.

Persons wishing to testify should submit testimony in one of the following ways by 4:00 p.m. the day prior to the hearing:

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- In person: 1 copy of their testimony to the committee clerk, Room 213, State Capitol.
- By fax: Testimony may be faxed if less than 5 pages in length, to the Senate Sergeant-At-Arms Office at 586-6659 or 1-800-586-6659 (toll free for neighbor islands), at least 24 hours prior to the hearing. When faxing, please indicate to which committee the testimony is being submitted and the date and time of the hearing.
- By Web: Testimony may be submitted online if less than 4MB in size, at http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/emailtestimony.
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Please note: If you submit your written testimony after 4:30 p.m. the day prior to the hearing, please sign-in at the staff table to testify orally. A copy of your testimony may not be available during the hearing but will be posted online for the public after the hearing.

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Senator Clarence K. Nishihara Chair