THE SENATE THE TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE **REGULAR SESSION OF 2009**

COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

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

MEASURES DEFERRED TO TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2009

DATE: Tuesday, March 24, 2009

TIME: 2:45pm

PLACE: Conference Room 229

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

DECISION MAKING ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE(S):

(Deferred from Thursday, March 19, 2009)

RELATING TO THE HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY. **TSM** HB 754, HD1 Testimony

Removes from the Hawaii Tourism Authority (HTA) Board the Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, Director of Transportation, Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, and Executive Director of the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts, and places them in an advisory group to HTA. (HB754

HD1)

HB 960, HD2 RELATING TO THE HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY. TSM, WAM

Broadens the scope of a "tourism emergency" to include a regional or **Testimony**

worldwide economic crisis. (HB960 HD2)

RELATING TO TOURISM. HB 1204, HD2 TSM, WAM

Requires, for fiscal years 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 only, an additional Testimony

> distribution of not more than an unspecified amount of funds in Transient Accommodations Tax revenues to the Tourism Special Fund.

(HB1204 HD2)

HB 1763, HD2 RELATING TO THE HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY. TSM, WAM

Testimony Repeals the Hawaii Tourism Authority. Establishes the Department of

Tourism. Transfers the Convention Center Enterprise Special Fund, Tourism Special Fund, and Tourism Emergency Trust Fund to the Department of Tourism. Renames the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to the Department of Business

and Economic Development. (HB1763 HD2)

No testimony will be accepted.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE COMMITTEE CLERK AT 808-586-6970.