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COMMITTEE ON OTURISM, CULTURE & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS Representative Joey Manahan, Chair

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HB 682 Relating to Hawaii Tourism Authority (HTA)

Chair Manahan and members of this Committee, my name is Max Sword, here on behalf of Outrigger Hotels, to oppose this bill.

This bill would hinder the marketing efforts of HTA, by not allowing it to enter into long-term commitments and do long-term planning.

As in my previous testimony, one of the pillars of good world-wide marketing is the ability to plan long term. This bill does not allow that.

We urge that you hold this bill and mahalo for allowing me to testify.