Honolulu, Hawaii

Monh 6, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 1763 H.D. 2

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. 1763, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY," begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to abolish the Hawaii Tourism Authority (HTA) and establish a Department of Tourism.

HTA, Hilton Hawaii, The New Otani Kaimana Beach Hotel, Classic Resorts Limited, the Hawaii Hotel and Lodging Association, Starwood Hotels and Resorts Worldwide, Inc., Outrigger Hotels, the Maui Chamber of Commerce, the Maui Hotel and Lodging Association, Marriott's Ko Olina Beach Club, and several concerned individuals opposed this bill. The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism offered comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 1763, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1763, H.D. 2.

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

MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

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☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. OSHIRO, Marcus R. (C)	~			
2. LEE, Marilyn B. (VC)	~			
3. AQUINO, Henry J.C.	2			
4. AWANA, Karen Leinani	~			
5. BROWER, Tom				
6. CHOY, Isaac W.				
7. COFFMAN, Denny				<u> </u>
8. HAR, Sharon E.	~			
9. KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	L 4			
10. LEE, Chris	~			
11. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	1			
12. SAGUM, Roland D., III				
13. TOKIOKA, James Kunane				L
14. WOOLEY, Jessica	~			
15. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.				
16. PINE, Kymberly Marcos			~	
17. WARD, Gene				
TOTAL (17)	12	/	2	2
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: Many B. Lev				
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