

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 27 2009

RE: H.B. No. 960
H.D. 2
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Tourism, to which was referred H.B.
No. 960, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to expand the description of a
tourism emergency to include a regional or worldwide economic
crisis.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Hawaii Tourism Authority, the Department of Business,
Economic Development, and Tourism, Destinations Resorts Hawaii,
the Grand Hyatt Kauai Resort and Spa, Hawaii Hotel and Lodging
Association, the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, Retail Merchants
of Hawaii, Outrigger Hotels, and Hilton Hawaii. Your Committee
received testimony in opposition to this measure from one
individual.

Written testimony presented to the Committee may be reviewed
on the Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that tourism is one of the primary
economic engines of the State. Transferring the research and
statistics duties from the Department of Business, Economic
Development, and Tourism to the Hawaii Tourism Authority will
provide cohesiveness in the administration of tourism expansion.



Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Replacing "regional or worldwide economic crisis" with "national or global" economic crisis;
- (2) Transferring the research and statistics duties from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to the Hawaii Tourism Authority; and
- (3) Changing the effective date to "upon approval".

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Tourism that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 960, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 960, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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



CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fifth Legislature
State of Hawaii

**Record of Votes
Committee on Tourism
TSM**

Bill / Resolution No.:* HB 960, HD2	Committee Referral: TSM, WAM	Date: 3/24/09		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313</div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (C)	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood (VC)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N.				✓
TSUTSUI, Shan S.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	4			1
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> </div>				
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> Distribution: Original File with Committee Report </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> Yellow Clerk's Office </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> Pink Drafting Agency </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> Goldenrod Committee File Copy </div> </div>				

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