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The Honorable Angus McKeivey Chair, House Committee on Economic Revitalization and Business Hawaii State Capitol, Room 427 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Tom Brower Chair, House Tourism Committee Hawaii State Capitol, Room 315 Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chairs McKelvey and Brower:

The Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism (DBEDT) respectfully submits a correction to the data included in the department's original testimony regarding HB 1285, Relating to the Transient Accommodations Tax.

The TAT allocation calculation is amended as follows:

FY 2011 = \$2.8 million (Council on Revenue Estimate of TAT going to the General Fund is \$70.664 million. 4% of \$70.7 million is \$2.8 million.)

HB 1285 has an effective date of January 2011, therefore, the allocation to DBEDT is one-half of \$2.8 million which is \$1.4 million.

We apologize for the inconvenience this correction may have caused.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 586-2355.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Richard C. Lim

cc: The Honorable Isaac Choy The Honorable James Tokioka The Honorable Cindy Evans Mike McCartney