STAND. COM. REP. NO. 106

Honolulu, Hawaii March 6, 2015 RE: H.B. No. 1259 H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Eighth State Legislature Regular Session of 2015 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 1259, 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 measure is to enhance the operational effectiveness and efficiency of the Hawaii Tourism Authority (HTA) by:

- Making permanent certain statutory provisions granting the Hawaii Tourism Authority more independence in managing its affairs and oversight authority over its financial operations that would have expired on June 30, 2015; and
- (2) Increasing the cap on funds used for administrative expenses to 6.5 percent of the funds in the Tourism Special Fund.

The Hawaii Tourism Authority and Outrigger Hotels Hawaii supported this measure.

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. 1259, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.



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

Chair SYLVIA LUKE,



State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-eighth Legislature



Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1259, HD1	Committee Referral: TOU, FIN	Date: 2/26/15			
The committee is reconsidering its previous		<u>_</u>		. <u></u> .	
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FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused	
1. LUKE, Sylvia (C)					
2. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y. (VC)					
3. CACHOLA, Romy M.				· · ·	
4. CULLEN, Ty J.K.					
5. DECOITE, Lynn					
6. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling					
7. JORDAN, Jo			-		
8. KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett					
9. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand					
10. LOWEN, Nicole E.					
11. ONISHI, Richard H.K.					
12. TOKIOKA, James Kunane				_	
13. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.			•		
14. POUHA, Feki					
15. WARD, Gene					
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The recommendation is: Adopt If joint re	ferral,	Not Adopted did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)			
Vice Chair's or designee's signature;	2,0		*****	<u>-</u>	
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