

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 950

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 24 2015

RE: H.B. No. 133
H.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Tourism and International Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 133, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to provide an income tax credit for hotel construction and renovation for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2015, and ending on December 31, 2021.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Lodging & Tourism Association, Subcontractors Association of Hawaii, Hawaii Tourism Authority, Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii, Maui Hotel and Lodging Association, and Maui Chamber of Commerce. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Taxation, Tax Foundation of Hawaii, and Outrigger Enterprises Group.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii's travel and tourism industry must continue to refresh its product offering to support and attract new and repeat travelers, compete with other global destinations, and distinguish Hawaii as a unique travel and tourist destination; Hawaii cannot continue to rely on aging hotel and resort infrastructure and hope for the best. Traditional financing has failed to generate new construction and renovation work, and jobs are lacking. Therefore, your Committee finds that a hotel construction and renovation tax credit will provide an economic incentive to benefit Hawaii's tourism industry.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Tourism and International Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 133, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Tourism and
International Affairs,



GILBERT KAHELE, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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TSI

Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>HB133 HD1</i>	Committee Referral: <i>TSI, WAM</i>	Date: <i>03-18-15</i>		
<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;"> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313 </div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KAHELE, Gilbert (C)	✓			✓
ENGLISH, J. Kalani (VC)	✓			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	✓			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	✓			
SLOM, Sam				✓
TOTAL	3	0	0	2
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="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: small;"> <div>Distribution:</div> <div>Original</div> <div>Yellow</div> <div>Pink</div> <div>Goldenrod</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: x-small;"> <div>File with Committee Report</div> <div>Clerk's Office</div> <div>Drafting Agency</div> <div>Committee File Copy</div> </div>				

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