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Senator Gilbert Kahele, Chair

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HB 1259, HD 1
Relating to Hawaii Tourism Authority

Chair Kahele & Members of this Committee, my name is Max Sword, here on behalf of Outrigger Enterprises Group, to offer our comment regarding HB 1259, HD 1.

H.B. 1259 repeals the sunset provision of Act 58 (2004). Act 58, enhances the operational effectiveness of the Hawaii Tourism Authority (HTA), by allowing it to operate more efficiently in the continuously changing world of tourism.

While I understand that there needs to be some oversight in how public funds are spent, the removal of the sunset will not remove the oversights on items such as accounting and deposits of funds requirements.

Mahalo for allowing use to testify and urge your support of this bill.