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Hawai'i Tourism Authority before the COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM

January 28, 2022 3:00 p.m. State Capitol via videoconference

In consideration of SENATE BILL NO. 2075 RELATING TO THE HAWAI'I TOURISM AUTHORITY

Aloha Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Misalucha, and members of the Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism.

The Hawai'i Tourism Authority (HTA) **supports** SB2075, which requires us to include performancebased incentives in our professional services contracts.

We would like to recommend an addition to the proposed language in section B, to further clarify the applicability of this measure:

(b) The authority shall include performance—based incentives in its professional services contracts <u>for marketing and branding</u> consistent with the State's marketing plan.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide these comments in **support** of SB2075. Mahalo.