

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1697

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 30 , 2023

RE: H.R. No. 177

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Tourism, to which was referred H.R. No. 177
entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING THE HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY, IN
CONSULTATION WITH THE OFFICE OF ENTERPRISE TECHNOLOGY
SERVICES, TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE SOCIAL AND SAFETY IMPACTS
OF GEOTAGGING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Hawai'i Tourism
Authority, in consultation with the Office of Enterprise
Technology Services, to conduct a study on the social and safety
impacts of geotagging.

Your Committee did not receive any written testimony on this
measure.

Your Committee finds that geotagging allows an individual to
share the location where a video or picture was taken or where the
user of a device or application is currently located. While
geotagging has many consumer and marketing benefits, there are
many unintended social and safety impacts of the use of
geotagging. Geotagging is one of the many factors contributing to
overtourism in the State and to the increase in safety concerns as
locations that do not have the infrastructure to support thousands
of visitors on a daily basis are beginning to see a significant
increase in traffic. Your Committee believes that the social and

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safety impacts of geotagging must be studied in depth to get a better understanding of any further unintended consequences.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Tourism that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 177 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Higher Education & Technology.

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



SEAN QUINLAN, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Tourism

Bill/Resolution No.: HR 177	Committee Referral: TOU, HET		Date: 03/28/2023	
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
TOU Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. QUINLAN, Sean (C)	✓			
2. HUSSEY-BURDICK, Natalia (VC)	✓			
3. HOLT, Daniel	✓			
4. KONG, Sam Satoru	✓			
5. LA CHICA, Trish	✓			
6. LAMOSAO, Rachele F.	✓			
7. NAKAMURA, Nadine K.				✓
8. PIERICK, Elijah				✓
TOTAL (8)	6			2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.8em;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: NHB				
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