

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 16 , 2024

RE: H.B. No. 2735
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 2735, 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:

- (1) Repeal the exemption of the Hawai'i Tourism Authority from administrative supervision of boards and commissions; and
- (2) Transfer certain functions relating to cultural grants from the Hawai'i Tourism Authority to the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawai'i State Foundation on Culture and the Arts and Hawai'i Tourism Authority.

Your Committee finds that the Hawaii Tourism Authority is currently exempt from certain provisions of the law governing administrative supervision of boards and commissions. Your Committee believes that full administrative supervision of the Hawaii Tourism Authority is necessary to increase transparency of the authority. Your Committee further finds that transferring



certain responsibilities of the Hawaii Tourism Authority to a more appropriate state agency ensures that perpetuating Native Hawaiian culture is better managed.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2735, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Culture, Arts, &
International Affairs,



ADRIAN K. TAM, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Thirty-second Legislature

HSCR 617-24

Record of Votes of the Committee on Culture, Arts & International Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2735, HD1	Committee Referral: TOU, CAI, FIN	Date: 2/14/24
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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.

The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold
 Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)

CAI Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TAM, Adrian K. (C)	X			
2. MARTINEZ, Rose (VC)	X			
3. GARRETT, Andrew Takuya	X			
4. KAPELA, Jeanne	X <i>Pen</i>			X
5. MATAYOSHI, Scot Z.				X
6. SAYAMA, Jackson D.				X
7. ALCOS III, David	X			
TOTAL (7)	<i>Pen</i> 5	4		3 <i>Pen</i>

The recommendation is: Adopted Not Adopted
 If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation.
committee acronym(s)

Vice Chair's or designee's signature: *[Signature]*

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