

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

JAN 31 , 2025

RE: H.B. No. 446
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Tourism, to which was referred H.B. No. 446
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO A STATE HOTEL,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require the Hawaii Tourism
Authority and School of Travel Industry Management at the
University of Hawaii at Manoa to collaborate to actively plan for
the design, construction, and operations and management of a state
hotel.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this
measure from four individuals. Your Committee received comments
on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General,
Hawai'i Tourism Authority, School of Travel Industry Management at
the University of Hawaii at Manoa, and Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism
Association.

Your Committee finds that a state hotel could create
workforce development opportunities for local residents and better
allow the State to promote regenerative tourism for visitors.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

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- (1) Requiring the Hawaii Tourism Authority and School of Travel Industry Management at the University of Hawaii at Manoa to jointly perform a study, rather than actively plan, for the design, construction or purchase, and operations and management of a state hotel;
- (2) Requiring a report on the study to be submitted to the Legislature prior to the Regular Session of 2027;
- (3) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it choose to deliberate on this measure, to consider appropriating \$150,000 for the study.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Tourism that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 446, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 446, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Higher Education.

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



ADRIAN K. TAM, Chair



