

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 973

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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. 973
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSIENT ACCOMMODATIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require transient
accommodations brokers and any other persons or entities to:

- (1) Offer, list, advertise, or display a transient
accommodations rental rate that includes all resort fees
required for the furnishing of transient accommodations;
and
- (2) Include all applicable taxes and fees imposed by a
government on the stay in the total price to be paid
before a consumer reserves the furnishing of transient
accommodations.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Hawai'i Hotel Alliance and American Hotel & Lodging
Association. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to
this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

Your Committee finds that the establishment of a single
standard for a mandatory display of fees across the tourism

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ecosystem's entirety--from hotels, motels, and short-term rental accommodations to online travel agencies, metasearch sites, and short-term rental platforms--would prevent consumers from being misled and ensure a level playing field across the tourism industry.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing the requirement that only if transient accommodations brokers and all other persons or entities knew or should have known that they offered, listed, advertised, or displayed a transient accommodations rental rate in violation of this measure would they be subject to civil penalties;
- (2) Changing its effective date to January 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 973, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 973, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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



ADRIAN K. TAM, Chair



