

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2598

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 02 2012

RE: S.B. No. 490  
S.D. 3

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2012  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 490, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to provide funding to develop and implement initiatives that take advantage of expanded visa programs to increase travel opportunities for international visitors to visit Hawaii.

The measure provides funding by increasing the allocation of the transient accommodations tax revenue to be deposited into the tourism special fund from \$69,000,000 to \$71,000,000 and then allocating the \$2,000,000 to be expended for the development and implementation of such initiatives.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that the federal government has recently announced initiatives to significantly increase travel and tourism in the United States. This measure will help promote economic development and expand Hawaii's tourism by targeting international markets.

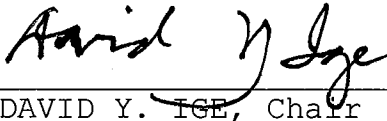
Your Committee has amended this measure by:



- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure; and
- (2) 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 Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 490, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 490, S.D. 3.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,

  
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DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Sixth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Ways and Means**  
**WAM**

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| Bill / Resolution No.:*<br><i>SB490 SD2</i>  | Committee Referral:<br><i>TSM, WAM</i> | Date:<br><i>2-24-12</i> |          |          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.<br>If so, then the previous decision was to: _____  |  |                         |          |          |
| The Recommendation is:<br><input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313 |  |                         |          |          |
| Members  | Aye                                    | Aye (WR)                | Nay      | Excused  |
| IGE, David Y. (C)  | ✓                                      |                         |          |          |
| KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)   | ✓                                      |                         |          |          |
| CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne  | ✓                                      |                         |          |          |
| DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.  | ✓                                      |                         |          |          |
| ENGLISH, J. Kalani   | ✓                                      |                         |          |          |
| ESPERO, Will   |  | ✓                       |          |          |
| FUKUNAGA, Carol  | ✓                                      |                         |          |          |
| KIM, Donna Mercado   | ✓                                      |                         |          |          |
| KAHELE, Gilbert  | ✓                                      |                         |          |          |
| KOUCHI, Ronald D.  | ✓                                      |                         |          |          |
| RYAN, Pohai  | ✓                                      |                         |          |          |
| TOKUDA, Jill N.  | ✓                                      |                         |          |          |
| WAKAI, Glenn   | ✓                                      |                         |          |          |
| SLOM, Sam  | ✓                                      |                         |          |          |
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| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <i>13</i>                              | <i>1</i>                | <i>0</i> | <i>0</i> |
| Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted   |  |                         |          |          |
| Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Michelle N. Kidani</i>   |  |                         |          |          |
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