

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 12 2012

RE: S.C.R. No. 35  
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Tourism, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 35 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF DEVELOPING A HOTEL ABOVE THE HAWAII CONVENTION CENTER FACILITY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the Hawaii Tourism Authority to:

- (1) Study the feasibility of developing a hotel above the Hawaii Convention Center facility; and
- (2) Report the findings and results of the feasibility study, including any recommendations requiring legislative approval, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2013.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Tourism Authority.

Your Committee finds that the current economic situation provides an opportunity to identify areas for improvements in the operations of the Hawaii Convention Center that may help to diversify Hawaii's tourism economy and move from a leisure-based market toward a stronger mix of leisure and business. Your Committee further finds that in order to determine the optimal



future for the Hawaii Convention Center, as well as the impact of developing a hotel or other facility above the Hawaii Convention Center facility, the State needs updated baseline information on the facility.

Your Committee has amended this measure accordingly by:

- (1) Amending the title to read: "REQUESTING THE HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF DEVELOPING A HOTEL, TRAINING HOTEL, OR OTHER COMMERCIAL RETAIL FACILITY ABOVE THE HAWAII CONVENTION CENTER FACILITY";
- (2) Expanding the scope of the feasibility study to include a training hotel or other commercial retail facility, as determined by the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Tourism Authority;
- (3) Adding language to request that the feasibility study be undertaken in conjunction with a baseline study of the current operations of the Hawaii Convention Center to more accurately determine the impact that the development of such a hotel or other facility may have on the Hawaii Convention Center, including its operations and management, physical assets and constraints, short- and long-range plans for the facility, and any legal issues that may arise as a result of changes to the Hawaii Convention Center; and
- (4) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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 S.C.R. No. 35, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 35, S.D. 1.



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



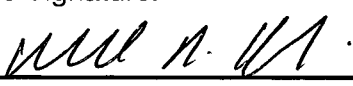
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DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Sixth Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SCR 35</b>	Committee Referral: <b>TSM, WAM</b>	Date: <b>3-1-12</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
<b>Members</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Aye (WR)</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Excused</b>
KIM, Donna Mercado (C)	/			
KOUCHI, Ronald D. (VC)	/			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	✓			
KAHELE, Gilbert	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>			
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align: center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">  </div>				
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