

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 9, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 1448

H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Tourism, to which was referred H.B. No. 1448 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to assist the tourism industry by managing two special funds that are funded by transient accommodations tax revenues. Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Deletes language establishing a Tourism Special Fund expenditure relating to expanded visa programs that is set to expire on June 30, 2015; and
- (2) Clarifies the Board of Land and Natural Resources and Hawaii Tourism Authority's expenditure authority over Transient Accommodations Tax revenue allocated to the Special Land and Development Fund.

The Hawaii Tourism Authority supported this measure. The Department of Land and Natural Resources, Office of the Auditor, and Tax Foundation of Hawaii offered comments on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing its effective date to July 1, 2020, to promote further discussion.



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. 1448, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1448, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Water & Land.

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



TOM BROWER, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Tourism

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1448	Committee Referral: TOU, WAL, FIN	Date: 2/4/15
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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)

TOU Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. BROWER, Tom (C)	✓			
2. OHNO, Takashi (VC)	✓			
3. CACHOLA, Romy M.	✓			
4. CHOY, Isaac W.	✓			
5. ITO, Ken	✓			
6. KAWAKAMI, Derek S.K.	✓			
7. KONG, Sam Satoru	✓			
8. ONISHI, Richard H.K.	✓			
9. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	✓			
10. TSUJI, Clift	✓			
11. WOODSON, Justin H.	✓			
12. MATSUMOTO, Lauren Kealohilani	✓			
13. WARD, Gene	✓			
TOTAL (13)	13	0	0	0

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

Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 

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