

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1493

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 10 2015

RE: H.B. No. 716
H.D. 2
S.D. 2

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 716, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INNOVATIVE BUSINESS INTERACTION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to promote economic development.

More specifically, this measure:

- (1) Establishes an innovative business interaction program under the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism to increase the opportunity for interaction between business investors and business talent from out-of-state and in-state; and
- (2) Increases the transient accommodations tax revenues deposited into the tourism special fund to provide funds for the innovative business interaction program.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism and Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation. Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the State-County Functions Working Group and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.



Your Committee finds that business growth is an important component to economic development. Business growth is facilitated by establishing relationships between investors and innovative talent. These important relationships are established and fostered when there are opportunities for capital and talent to interact. Your Committee further finds that enabling the State to contract with an organizer of an annual event in Hawaii to add a component that encourages the interaction of business investors and talent will advance economic development.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the specific amount of revenue to be expended by the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism for the innovative business interaction program to an unspecified sum;
- (2) Changing the total transient accommodations tax revenue allocation to the tourism special fund to an unspecified sum;
- (3) Changing the specific amount of transient accommodations tax revenues to be allocated from the tourism special fund to the innovative business interaction program to an unspecified sum; and
- (4) 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 H.B. No. 716, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 716, H.D. 2, S.D. 2.

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



JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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HB 716, HD 2, SD1	TS1 / EDT, WAM	3/31/15		
<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				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.				✓
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood				✓
HARIMOTO, Breene	✓			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	✓			
RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	9	0	0	2
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
<i>Neil D. M.</i>				
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