May 6, 2015

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,
President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 210
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Joseph M. Souki,
Speaker and Members of the
House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Souki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on May 6, 2015, the following bill was signed into law:

SB283 SD1 HD1 RELATING TO THE HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY
ACT 046 (15)

Sincerely,

David Y. Ige
Governor, State of Hawai'i
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

SECTION 1. Section 201B-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsections (b) and (c) to read as follows:

"(b) The authority shall be headed by a policy-making board of directors that shall consist of twelve members; provided that:

(1) The members shall be appointed by the governor as provided in section 26-34, except as otherwise provided by this section;

(2) The members shall include at least one representative each from the city and county of Honolulu and the counties of Hawaii, Kauai, and Maui; the remaining members shall be appointed at large; 

(3) Three members shall be appointed by the governor from a list of three names submitted for each appointment by the president of the senate, and three members shall be appointed by the governor from a list of three names submitted for each appointment by the
speaker of the house of representatives; provided that
if fewer than three names are submitted for each
appointment, the governor may disregard the list;
(4) At least six members shall have knowledge, experience,
and expertise in the area of [visitor industry
management, marketing, promotion,] accommodations,
transportation, retail, entertainment, or [visitor]
attractions, and at least one member appointed by the
governor shall have knowledge, experience, and
expertise in the area of Hawaiian cultural practices;
provided that no more than three members shall
represent, be employed by, or be under contract to any
sector of the industry represented on the board;
(5) The governor shall make appointments to ensure the
fulfillment of all requirements[7] of paragraphs (2)
and (4); provided that [any appointments made after
July 1, 2002, shall be made to fulfill the
requirements in place when the appointments are made;
and] upon the occurrence of a vacancy subject to
paragraph (3), the governor shall notify the president
of the senate and the speaker of the house of
representatives of any unfulfilled requirements
pursuant to paragraphs (2) and (4), and the president
of the senate or the speaker of the house of
representatives, as appropriate, shall submit nominees
who fulfill those requirements; and

(6) No person who has served as a member of the board of
directors of the Hawaii Visitors and Convention Bureau
shall be eligible to sit as a member of the board of
directors of the Hawaii tourism authority until at
least two years have expired between the person's
termination from service on the Hawaii Visitors and
Convention Bureau board and the person's appointment
to the authority's board of directors.

(c) Members shall be appointed by the governor for terms
of four years[---Each]; provided that membership on the board
shall not exceed eight consecutive years; provided further that
each member shall hold office until the member's successor is
appointed and qualified. [Section 26-34 shall be applicable
insofar as it relates to the number of terms and consecutive
number of years a member may serve on the board.]

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SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval; provided that any appointments made to the board of directors of the Hawaii tourism authority after July 1, 2015, shall be made in accordance with the qualifications under section 201B-2(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes, as amended by this Act.

APPROVED this 6 day of MAY, 2015

[Signature]

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII