

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

427

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 20, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 444

H.D. 2

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. 444, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BEACH PROTECTION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to conserve and restore Hawaii's beaches by expanding the Department of Land and Natural Resources' Beach Restoration Plans to include beach conservation, and allocating funds from the Transient Accommodations Tax to be used in accordance with the Hawaii Tourism Strategic Plan and for beach restoration and conservation.

The Department of Land and Natural Resources, Hawaii Tourism Authority, Hawaii Lodging and Tourism Association, Outrigger Enterprises Group, Maui Hotel and Lodging Association, and Hawaii Shore and Beach Preservation Association supported this measure. The Department of the Attorney General opposed this measure. The Department of Budget and Finance, State-County Functions Working Group, and the Tax Foundation of Hawaii offered comments.

Your Committee respectfully notes that the Attorney General suggested the removal of the proposed amendment to section 237D-6.5(b)(5), Hawaii Revised Statutes, to comply with the Hawaii State Constitution requirement that a measure embrace one subject expressed in its title. Although your Committee acknowledges this concern, your Committee recommends that this measure proceed through the legislative process to facilitate further discussion.

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Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 444, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 444, H.D. 2.

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



TOM BROWER, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-eighth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Tourism

Bill/Resolution No.: <i>HB444, HD1</i>	Committee Referral: <i>WAL, TOU, FIN</i>	Date: <i>2/18/15</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> 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: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 10pt;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <i>[Signature]</i>				
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