

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1620

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 22 2015

RE: H.C.R. No. 162

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Tourism and International Affairs, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 162 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU TO EXAMINE IF AND HOW OTHER STATES REGULATE TOUR OPERATORS WITHIN THEIR JURISDICTION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request that the Legislative Reference Bureau examine if and how other states regulate tour operators within their jurisdiction and report its findings to the Legislature.

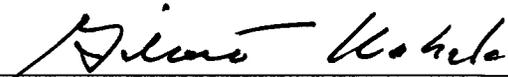
Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Legislative Reference Bureau.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii does not regulate the activities of tour and excursion groups soliciting residents and visitors. Your Committee further finds that there has been a rise in tour activity in state parks and, within the last six months, at least three tour guides have been charged with engaging in illegal commercial activities by trespassing into natural reserve areas that are closed to public entry. Your Committee finds that this activity not only poses a threat to the environment of the natural reserve areas but also endangers the health and safety of those persons touring closed areas.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Tourism and International Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 162, and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Tourism and  
International Affairs,



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GILBERT KAHELE, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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**Committee on Tourism and International Affairs**  
**TSI**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>HCR 162</i>	Committee Referral: <i>TSI</i>	Date: <i>2015</i> <i>20 APR 15 11</i>		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KAHELE, Gilbert (C)	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani (VC)				✓
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	✓			
TOKUDA, Jill N.				✓
SLOM, Sam	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<i>3</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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