

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 919

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 18, 2015

RE: H.C.R. No. 59
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Tourism and Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 59 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY TO COORDINATE WITH THE HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY TO CREATE A MORE WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT FOR CHINESE VISITORS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to facilitate the growth of the Chinese tourism market in Hawaii by urging the Hawaii Tourism Authority to coordinate with the hospitality industry to create a more welcoming environment for Chinese visitors.

APEC Hawaii and a concerned individual supported this measure. The Hawaii Tourism Authority offered comments.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Requesting Hawaii's congressional delegation to assist in recruiting and employment of a suitable workforce by taking steps to enable foreign workers with specialized knowledge in the language and culture of international visitor markets to qualify for H-1B non-immigrant visas, which provide for employment eligibility;
- (2) Adding Hawaii's congressional delegation to the list of resolution recipients; and

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- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purpose of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Tourism and Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 59, as amended herein, and recommend that it be referred to the Committee on Finance, in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 59, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committees on Tourism and Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts,



KEN ITO, Chair



TOM BROWER, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-eighth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts

Bill/Resolution No.: HCR 59	Committee Referral: TOU/VMI, PIN	Date: 3/13/15		
<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)				
VMI Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. ITO, Ken (C)				✓
2. TOKIOKA, James Kunane (VC)	✓			
3. BROWER, Tom	✓			
4. CACHOLA, Romy M.	✓			
5. CHOY, Isaac W.	✓			
6. DeCOITE, Lynn	✓			
7. KAWAKAMI, Derek S.K.	✓			
8. KONG, Sam Satoru	✓			
9. OHNO, Takashi	✓			
10. ONISHI, Richard H.K.	✓			
11. TSUJI, Clift	✓			
12. WOODSON, Justin H.	✓			
13. MATSUMOTO, Lauren Kealohilani				✓
14. WARD, Gene				✓
TOTAL (14)	11			3
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ 				
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