

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **56**

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 09 2015

RE: S.B. No. 1009
S.D. 1

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 S.B. No. 1009 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SERVICE CHARGES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to ensure that hotels either distribute porterage service charges to employees in full or notify customers that service charges are being used for other purposes.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from UNITE HERE Local 5 and the International Longshore and Warehouse Union Local 142.

Your Committee finds that consumers should know whether or not, and to what extent, the money they pay hotels in porterage service charges is being paid to employees. When a hotel charges service charges to customers, customers may believe that those charges are being paid to employees as tip income; however, this is not necessarily the case, and this information could influence whether or not a consumer chooses to use porterage services. Therefore, your Committee finds that it should be transparent to consumers how hotels distribute porterage service charges.

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



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 is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1009, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1009, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

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

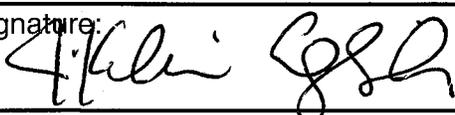


GILBERT KAHELE, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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Committee on Tourism and International Affairs
TSI

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 1009	Committee Referral: TSI, JDL	Date: 2/4/15		
<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
KAHELE, Gilbert (C)	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani (VC)	✓			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	✓			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	✓			
SLOM, Sam				✓
TOTAL	4			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes