

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 593

Honolulu, Hawaii

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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 Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred
S.B. No. 1009, S.D. 1, 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 require that
hotels notify customers that porterage service charges are being
used for other purposes unless they are distributed in full to
employees as tip income.

Prior to voting on this measure, your Committee reviewed and
considered testimony in support of S.B. No. 1009 that was
submitted on time to your Committee on Tourism and International
Affairs by UNITE HERE Local 5 and ILWU Local 142.

Your Committee finds that there should be transparency to
consumers with regard to whether the money they pay to hotels as
porterage service charges are being paid to employees. Such
transparency will allow the consumer to know whether the porterage
service charges they are paying are actually being paid to
employees as tip income, or whether the hotel is keeping the money
for itself to use for other purposes.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your
Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report,
your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B.
No. 1009, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary and
Labor,



GILBERT S.C. KEITH-AGARAN, Chair



