

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 23 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2012
H.D. 2
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Economic Development, Tourism, and
Technology and Human Services, to which was referred H.B.
No. 2012, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE TRANSIENT ACCOMMODATIONS
TAX,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to allocate
transient accommodations tax revenue to implement initiatives, in
conjunction with the Hawaii Lodging and Tourism Association, to
address homelessness in tourist and resort areas and require
matching funds from the private sector.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure
from the Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness, IMUAlIiance, O'ahu
County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party
of Hawai'i, Kohala Coast Resort Association, Hawai'i Lodging and
Tourism Association, Maui Hotel and Lodging Association, and one
individual. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to
this measure from one individual. Your Committees received
comments on this measure from the Hawaii Tourism Authority and Tax
Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committees find that homelessness remains one of the
most pressing issues of the State. While your Committees



acknowledge that the number of homeless persons decreased nine percent from 2016 to 2017, your Committees believe there is still much that needs to be done to create a better living environment for everyone. The tourism industry is one of the economic drivers of the State and has the necessary resources to support the effort to reduce homelessness across the State. Your Committees believe that tourist and resort areas, such as Waikiki, see some of the largest homeless populations. Your Committees find that a portion of the homeless community in Waikiki, and throughout the State, is represented by those under the age of eighteen. Your Committees note that most shelters are not allowed to take in minors without prior consent of their parent or guardian. This prohibition may deprive minors who have abusive households of a safe environment and may be one cause of the number of minors who congregate in areas like Waikiki. Your Committees find that there is a need to examine the gaps in services available to homeless youth and provide them with the same access and quality of care that is provided to the adult homeless community.

Your Committees believe that addressing tourist and resort areas that are affected by homelessness will not only assist the homeless community by providing them with improved living situations, but will simultaneously improve areas that are frequently visited by tourists, thereby improving the overall quality of state infrastructure and natural resources and perception by visitors.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) As suggested by the Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness:
 - (A) Allowing each county to designate a tourist and resort area in the respective county;
 - (B) Requiring that the funds allocated to the Hawaii Tourism Authority to implement initiatives be used for the purpose of providing social services; and
 - (C) Requiring that the data collected from the initiatives to address homelessness in tourist and resorts areas and included within the Hawaii Tourism Authority's report to the Legislature be

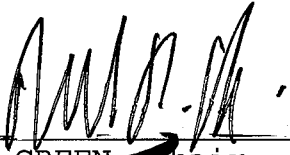


entered into the Homeless Management Information System to evaluate the effectiveness of the initiatives in addressing homelessness; and

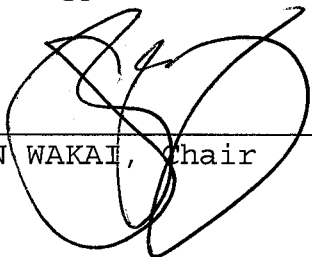
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Economic Development, Tourism, and Technology and Human Services that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2012, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2012, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Economic
Development, Tourism, and
Technology and Human Services,



JOSH GREEN, Chair

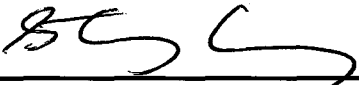


GLENN WAKAI, Chair



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Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 2012, HD2	ETT/HMS, WAM	3/19/18		
<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
GREEN, Josh (C)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley (VC)	✓			
HARIMOTO, Breene				✓
TOKUDA, Jill N.				✓
WAKAI, Glenn	✓			
TOTAL	3			2
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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