

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 634

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 596
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 596, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to repeal language that has been interpreted to allow members of the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Tourism Authority to hold office until the board member's successor is appointed and qualified, and instead prohibit holdover board members from holding office beyond the convening of the regular session following the expiration of the board member's term of office.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that holdover limitations for members of the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Tourism Authority are important to reduce redundancy and limit the power and scope of board members whose terms of office have expired. Your Committee also finds that the holdover language in section 26-34(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes, that has been interpreted to allow a holdover board member to potentially continue in office beyond the end of the second regular legislative session following the expiration of the board member's term of office are too long and counterproductive. Therefore, your Committee finds that any



holdover on the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Tourism Authority should end by the start of the next regular legislative session following the expiration of the board member's term of office.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 596, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



KARL RHOADS, Chair



