

Honolulu, Hawaii

**Feb 7**, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 1923

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2006  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Tourism & Culture, to which was referred  
H.B. No. 1923 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to maintain the operational  
efficiency of the Hawaii Tourism Authority (HTA) by, among other  
things, making permanent:

- (1) HTA's authority to retain attorneys independent of the  
Attorney General;
- (2) The exemption of HTA's accounts from supervision by the  
Comptroller;
- (3) The requirement that HTA preaudit all of its proposed  
payments to determine the propriety of expenditures and  
compliance with applicable laws;
- (4) The requirement that HTA maintain records and documents  
necessary to support its disbursements of funds for  
operating expenses;
- (5) The provision that exempts moneys deposited by HTA into  
the Convention Center Enterprise Special Fund and the  
Tourism Special Fund (TSF) from being deposited into the  
state treasury;

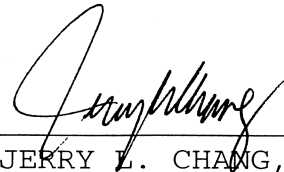


- (6) HTA's authority to appoint a sports coordinator;
- (7) The provision that establishes that all interest and revenues or receipts derived by HTA from projects or project agreements shall be deposited into the TSF; and
- (8) The increase, to 5 percent from 3.5 percent, in TSF funds that may be used for administrative expenses.

HTA, Outrigger Hotels, and the Hawaii Hotel & Lodging Association supported this bill.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Tourism & Culture that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1923 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Tourism & Culture,



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JERRY L. CHANG, Chair



