

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 7, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2668  
H.D. 1

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. 2668 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TOURISM RESEARCH AND  
STATISTICS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to clarify the funding for  
tourism research conducted by the Department of Business, Economic  
Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) by specifying that funds for  
tourism research and statistics shall be transferred from the  
Tourism Special Fund (TSF) to DBEDT in accordance with a master  
plan and budget developed in coordination with the Hawaii Tourism  
Authority (HTA).

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

Your Committee notes that concerns were raised regarding a  
provision in the bill that establishes that the transfer of funds  
to DBEDT from the TSF shall not be considered an expenditure of  
the TSF.

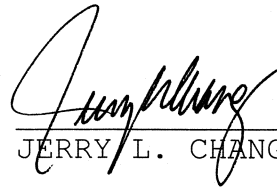
In light of this concern, your Committee has amended this  
bill by:



- (1) Deleting the provision specifying that funds from the TSF transferred to DBEDT for tourism research and statistics shall not be considered expenditures from the TSF; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for style, clarity, and consistency.

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. 2668, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2668, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



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JERRY L. CHANG, Chair



