

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3088

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 24 2006

RE: H.B. No. 1923
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Robert Bunda
President of the Senate
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Tourism, to which was referred H.B. No. 1923, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to repeal the sunset of some provisions of part I of Act 58, Session Laws of Hawaii 2004, allowing the Hawaii Tourism Authority to supervise its own accounts, appoint a sports coordinator, and expend five percent of special fund moneys for administration.

This measure also extends the sunset date from June 30, 2007 to June 30, 2010 of provisions in Act 58 relating to the ability of the Hawaii Tourism Authority to hire private attorneys.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Tourism Authority and Hawaii Lodging & Hotel Association. Testimony in partial opposition was received from the State Attorney General.

The provisions of Act 58 which are the subject of this measure were intended to allow the Hawaii Tourism Authority to execute its financial transactions more effectively, perform its contracts on a timely basis, improve its overall efficiencies, and be more responsive to stakeholders. According to testimony of the Hawaii Tourism Authority on a companion Senate measure, the intent of these provisions have been met and exceeded. Therefore, the



sunset of these provisions in Act 58 should be removed and the provisions made permanent.

Your Committee has amended this measure by deleting its contents and inserting provisions of S.B. No. 2974 to make permanent the enactments of part I of Act 58, Session Laws of Hawaii 2004, upon approval.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Tourism that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1923, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1923, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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




DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Third Legislature
State of Hawaii

Record of Votes of the
Committee on Tourism
(Bills and Resolutions)

Measure:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 1923, HD1	TSM, WAM	3/21/06		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is to:				
<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	Ayes	Ayes(WR)	Nays	Excused
KIM, Donna Mercado (C)	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (VC)	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
HEE, Clayton				✓
TSUTSUI, Shan S.				✓
SLOM, Sam			✓	
TOTAL	3		1	2
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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