

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb. 15

, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 2965  
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Tourism and Business and Economic  
Development, to which was referred S.B. No. 2965 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT  
OF 2005,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to amend Act 178, Session Laws  
of Hawaii 2005, the general appropriations Act, to add a proviso  
to transfer a sum of money from operating expenses of the Hawaii  
Tourism Authority (HTA) to the economic planning and research  
program of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and  
Tourism (DBEDT).

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure  
from DBEDT and HTA.

The sum involved is \$1,327,887 which was designated as a "B"  
expenditures from the general fund. This measure designates the  
same appropriation as a "U" funds for interdepartmental transfer.

According to testimony of DBEDT, the funds involved are for  
producing basic data on tourism in Hawaii. These funds should  
appropriately be transferred from the HTA rather than expended  
from the tourism special fund. This amendment is important for  
the fiscal management of funds and will have no impact upon the  
operations or effectiveness of DBEDT's tourism data program.



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Your Committees have amended this measure on the recommendation of DBEDT as follows:

- (1) Deleting reference to the tourism special fund; and
- (2) Making the transfer for fiscal year 2006-2007.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Tourism and Business and Economic Development that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2965, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2965, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committees on Tourism and Business and Economic Development,



WILL ESPERO, Chair



DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair





