

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2974
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 Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2974 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 remove the sunset provision of Part I of Act 58, Session Laws of Hawaii 2004, thereby allowing the Hawaii Tourism Authority (Authority) to:

- (1) Deposit all interest and revenues or receipts derived by the Authority from projects into the tourism special fund;
- (2) Expend up to five per cent of the moneys in the tourism special fund for administrative expenses;
- (3) Appoint a sports coordinator;
- (4) Retain attorneys independent of the Attorney General's Office; and
- (5) Retain supervision of its own accounts and revenues received by the convention center enterprise special fund and the tourism special fund, independent of the Comptroller.



Your Committee finds that granting the Authority this autonomy allows it to operate more efficiently and meet its financial and contractual responsibilities on a timely basis.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Extending the sunset provision of Part I of Act 58, Session Laws of Hawaii 2004, until June 30, 2011; and
- (2) Making technical nonsubstantive changes for purposes of consistency and clarity.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2974, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2974, S.D. 1.

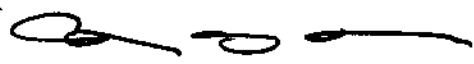
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Third Legislature
State of Hawaii

Record of Votes of the
Committee on Ways and Means
(Bills and Resolutions)

Measure:* SB 2974	Committee Referral: TSM, WAM	Date: 2/23/06		
<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
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (C)	/			
TSUTSUI, Shan S. (VC)	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				/
ESPERO, Will	/			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	/			
HOOSER, Gary L.	/			
INOUE, Lorraine R.				/
KANNO, Brian	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado	/			
KOKUBUN, Russell S.				/
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	/			
SAKAMOTO, Norman				/
HEMMINGS, Fred			/	
SLOM, Sam			/	
TRIMBLE, Gordon			/	
TOTAL	8	0	3	4
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Do not list more than one measure per Record of Votes.