

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1656

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.R. No. 229

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Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2007  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on International Affairs, to which was referred H.R. No. 229 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM, THE HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY, AND THE HAWAII VISITORS AND CONVENTION BUREAU TO CONDUCT ACTIVITIES TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF VISITORS FROM TAIWAN,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this resolution is to request the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT), Hawaii Tourism Authority (HTA), and Hawaii Visitors and Convention Bureau to undertake activities to increase the number of visitors from Taiwan.

HTA and several concerned individuals testified in support of this resolution. DBEDT supported the intent of this measure.

Your Committee has amended this resolution by:

- (1) Requesting the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) and U.S. Department of Homeland Security to offer a visa waiver program to visitors from Taiwan;
- (2) Requesting DBEDT to find local products suitable for exportation to Taiwan;

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- (3) Sending certified copies of this measure to the Secretary of Homeland Security and Director of USCIS; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on International Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 229, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Tourism & Culture in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 229, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on International  
Affairs,

  
RIDA T.R. CABANILLA, Chair



