

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 124

Honolulu, Hawaii
Feb 7, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 571
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Tourism & Culture, to which was referred
H.B. No. 571 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TOURISM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to provide protection for our
visitors in the event of a natural disaster or other emergency by
appropriating funds from excess transient accommodations tax (TAT)
revenue to allow the counties of Kauai, Maui, Hawaii, and the City
and County of Honolulu to develop emergency response centers.

A member of the County Council of Maui supported this bill.
The Hawaii Hotel & Lodging Association supported the intent of
this measure. The Hawaii Tourism Authority opposed this bill.

It is the intent of your Committee to fund the emergency
response centers through the use of excess revenues from the TAT
that lapse to the general fund as provided for in section 237D-
6.5(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS). It is not the intent of
your Committee to divert TAT revenue that is allocated, pursuant
to section 237D-6.5(b), HRS, for other purposes, including the
Tourism Special Fund.



Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2025, to encourage further discussion; 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. 571, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 571, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs.

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

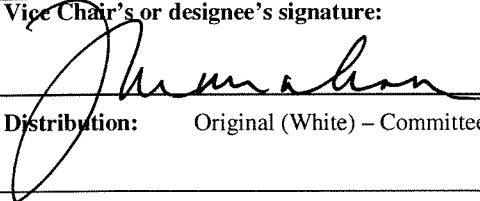


RYAN I. YAMANE, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-fourth Legislature

Record of Votes of the Committee on Tourism & Culture

Bill/Resolution No.: <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">HB 571</div>	Date: <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">1/31/07</div>			
Committee Referral: <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.5em;">TAC, PSM, FIN</div>	<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.			
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments, for recommittal for further consideration				
TAC Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. YAMANE, Ryan I. (C)	✓			
2. MANAHAN, Joey (VC)	✓			
3. BERG, Lyla B., Ph.D.				✓
4. BROWER, Tom	✓			
5. CHANG, Jerry L.	✓			
6. HANOHANO, Faye P.	✓			
7. HERKES, Robert N.	✓			
8. TSUJI, Clift	✓			
9. WAKAI, Glenn	✓			
10. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	✓			
11. CHING, Corinne W.L.				✓
12. MARUMOTO, Barbara C.	✓			
TOTAL	10			2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.8em;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <div style="font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.5em; margin-top: 10px;">  </div>				
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