

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

Month 6, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 1763

H.D. 2

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 1763, 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 bill is to abolish the Hawaii Tourism Authority (HTA) and establish a Department of Tourism.

HTA, Hilton Hawaii, The New Otani Kaimana Beach Hotel, Classic Resorts Limited, the Hawaii Hotel and Lodging Association, Starwood Hotels and Resorts Worldwide, Inc., Outrigger Hotels, the Maui Chamber of Commerce, the Maui Hotel and Lodging Association, Marriott's Ko Olina Beach Club, and several concerned individuals opposed this bill. The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism offered comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1763, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1763, H.D. 2.

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


MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



