

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 257

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 13, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 960
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Tourism, Culture, & International Affairs,
to which was referred H.B. No. 960 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 provide flexibility to the
Hawaii Tourism Authority (HTA) in a tourism emergency by:

- (1) Defining "tourism emergency";
- (2) Removing references to specific situations that
constitute a tourism emergency in the existing statute;
- (3) Removing the provision requiring the Governor to declare
that a tourism emergency exists;
- (4) Removing stipulations that tourism emergency response
measures not adversely affect organized labor in
tourism-related industries; and
- (5) Requiring HTA to develop plans and programs meeting
specific criteria.

HTA, the Hawaii Hotel and Lodging Association, and Outrigger
Hotels testified in support of this bill. The Department of
Business, Economic Development, and Tourism supported the intent
of this measure. UNITE HERE! Local 5 opposed this bill.

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Your Committee notes that concerns were raised with the language in this measure as originally drafted and took those concerns into consideration in amending this measure.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this bill by replacing its substantive content with a provision that expands the description of a tourism emergency to include a regional or worldwide economic crisis. Technical, nonsubstantive amendments were also made for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Tourism, Culture, & International Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 960, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 960, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

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



JOEY MANAHAN, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-fifth Legislature

Record of Votes of the Committee on Tourism, Culture, & International Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 960	Committee Referral: TCI, PBS, FIN	Date: 2/11/09		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
TCI Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. MANAHAN, Joey (C)	✓			
2. TOKIOKA, James Kunane (VC)	✓			
3. BERG, Lyla B.	✓			
4. CHOY, Isaac W.	✓			
5. EVANS, Cindy	✓			
6. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.				✓
7. TAKAI, K. Mark				
8. TSUJI, Clift	✓			
9. WAKAI, Glenn				✓
10. WOOLEY, Jessica	✓			
11. MARUMOTO, Barbara C.	✓			
TOTAL (11)	8			2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____				
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