

Honolulu, Hawaii

March, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 960  
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. 960, 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 expand the description of a tourism emergency to include a regional or worldwide economic crisis.

The Hawaii Tourism Authority, Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii and its Tourism Committee, Hawaii Hotel and Lodging Association, Classic Resorts Limited, Starwood Hotels and Resorts Worldwide, Inc., Retail Merchants of Hawaii, Hilton Hawaii, Hilton Grand Vacations, Maui Divers of Hawaii, Ltd., Marriott's Ko Olina Beach Club, Maui Chamber of Commerce, Maui Hotel and Lodging Association, Outrigger Hotels, Activities and Attractions Association of Hawaii, and several concerned individuals supported this bill.

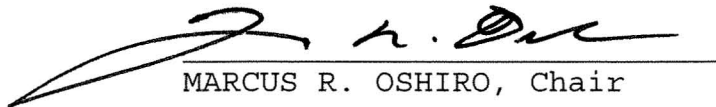
Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2020, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) 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. 960, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 960, H.D. 2.

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



MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



