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COMMITTEE ON TOURISM
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Thursday, March 19, 2009
TIME: 2:45 P.M.
PLACE: Conference Room 229
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

A G E N D A

<u>HB 754, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR865)</u> <u>Testimony</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO THE HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY. Removes from the Hawaii Tourism Authority (HTA) Board the Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, Director of Transportation, Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, and Executive Director of the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts, and places them in an advisory group to HTA. (HB754 HD1)	TSM
<u>HB 960, HD2</u> <u>(HSCR870)</u> <u>Testimony</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO THE HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY. Broadens the scope of a "tourism emergency" to include a regional or worldwide economic crisis. (HB960 HD2)	TSM, WAM
<u>HB 1204, HD2</u> <u>(HSCR871)</u> <u>Testimony</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO TOURISM. Requires, for fiscal years 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 only, an additional distribution of not more than an unspecified amount of funds in Transient Accommodations Tax revenues to the Tourism Special Fund. (HB1204 HD2)	TSM, WAM
<u>HB 1763, HD2</u> <u>(HSCR873)</u> <u>Testimony</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO THE HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY. Repeals the Hawaii Tourism Authority. Establishes the Department of Tourism. Transfers the Convention Center Enterprise Special Fund, Tourism Special Fund, and Tourism Emergency Trust Fund to the Department of Tourism. Renames the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to the Department of Business and Economic Development. (HB1763 HD2)	TSM, WAM

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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