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on
H.B. 756
Relating to the General Excise Tax

House Committee on Tourism, Culture & International Affairs
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Conference Room 312

The Hawai'i Tourism Authority (HTA) supports the intent of H.B. 756, which proposes to exempt from the general excise tax, amounts received from the provision of various facilities and services for conventions, meetings and incentive programs for foreign and out-of-state organizations that are paid for from a foreign or out-of-state bank account.

This bill copies a program that Mexico has implemented to attract foreign conventions and meetings.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.