

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

540

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 20, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 1763

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. 1763 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, the Hawaii Hotel and Lodging Association, and Outrigger
Hotels opposed this bill. The Department of Business, Economic
Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) provided comments.

Your Committee recognizes that time should be allowed for a
transition from HTA to the newly established Department of
Tourism. Your Committee notes that an interagency working group
should be formed to facilitate a smooth transition and concurs
that the final form of this measure should allow for such a
transition.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2112, to
encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity,
consistency, and style.

HB1763 HD1 HSCR TCI HMS 2009-2377



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. 1763, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1763, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



JOEI MANAHAN, Chair



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

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1763	Committee Referral: TCI, FIN	Date: 2/9/09		
<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)	7	1		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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