

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

717

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 06 2009

RE: S.B. No. 1226
S.D. 2

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 1226, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE TOURISM SPECIAL FUND,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to change the percentage of the transient accommodations tax that is deposited into the tourism special fund.

More specifically, this measure changes the percentage of the transient accommodations tax that is deposited into the tourism special fund from 34.2 per cent to an unspecified percentage.

Your Committee received fifteen written comments on this measure. The written comments may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that, in these difficult economic times, many concerns have been raised regarding the availability of funds to support the visitor industry. In light of these concerns, your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 2009, to facilitate further discussion on the measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1226, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass

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Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1226,
S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,



DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Fifth Legislature
 State of Hawaii

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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 1226, SD1	Committee Referral: TSM, WAM	Date: FEB 27, 2009
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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
 If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

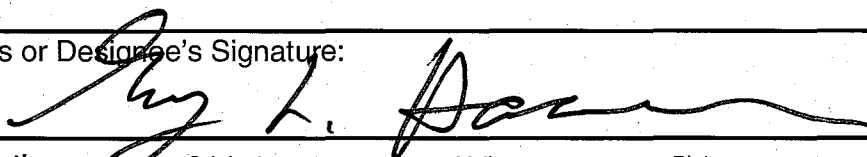
The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312 Pass, with amendments 2311 Hold 2310 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KIM, Donna Mercado (C)	✓			
TSUTSUI, Shan S. (VC)				✓
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood				✓
HEE, Clayton	✓			
HOOSER, Gary L.	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	✓			
KOKUBUN, Russell S.				✓
TOKUDA, Jill N.	✓			
HEMMINGS, Fred	✓			
TOTAL	9			3

Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:



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