

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 18 2009

RE: S.B. No. 271  
S.D. 1

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Tourism, to which was referred S.B. No. 271  
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TOURISM EMERGENCY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to ensure that tourism-related  
industries are able to appropriately respond to a national or  
global economic crisis that adversely impacts the tourism  
industry.

Specifically, this measure includes a national or global  
economic crisis to situations considered a tourism emergency. The  
measure further requires that, with regards to a national or  
global economic crisis only, and in addition to the Governor's  
declaration of the existence of a tourism emergency, no action may  
be taken by the Hawaii Tourism Authority without the Governor's  
express approval.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism,  
the Hawaii Tourism Authority, the Hawaii Hotel and Lodging  
Association, and Outrigger Hotels. Copies of written testimony  
are available for review on the Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that the current economic crisis is  
adversely affecting the State's tourism industry and economy,  
causing high rates of unemployment specifically within the tourism  
industry. Your Committee finds that authorizing access to the



tourism emergency fund for this purpose will help attract visitors to the State and keep residents of Hawaii employed.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Tourism that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 271, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 271, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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

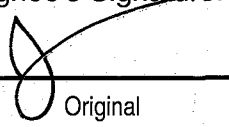
*Clarence K. Nishihara*

CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Fifth Legislature  
State of Hawaii

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Tourism**  
**TSM**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 271	TSM, WAM	2/12/09		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310		
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (C)	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood (VC)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	✓			
TSUTSUI, Shan S.				✓
SLOM, Sam				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	3			2
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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