

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **670**

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR - 6 2009

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

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to allow the Hawaii Tourism Authority to respond to national or global economic crises that adversely affect the tourism industry.

More specifically, this measure includes a national or global economic crisis as a situation that may be declared a tourism emergency. The measure also requires the governor's express approval before action can be taken by the Hawaii Tourism Authority.

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

Your Committee finds that tourism-related industries are an important part of the State's economy that has been severely affected by the airline crisis early last year and the subsequent economic decline across the country. Your Committee further finds that including national or global economic crises as a situation that may be declared a tourism emergency will allow the Tourism Emergency Trust Fund to be used for that purpose. Your Committee also finds that allowing access to these moneys during an economic emergency is an appropriate use of the fund, as it enables the

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Hawaii Tourism Authority to assist tourism-related industries to promote Hawaii as a travel destination. With other resort destinations pouring millions of dollars into their marketing campaigns, it is important that this State maintain a presence in the global tourism market.

Your Committee amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2070, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making a technical, clarifying amendment.

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. 271, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 271, S.D. 2.

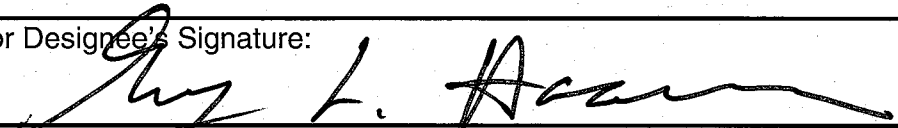
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fifth Legislature
State of Hawaii

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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 271, SD1	Committee Referral: TSM, WAM	Date: FEB 27, 2009		
<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
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: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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