

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 2, 2012

RE: H.B. No. 2183
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 2183 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE CONVENTION CENTER,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure as received by your Committee is to promote the use of the Convention Center by directing the Hawaii Tourism Authority to develop uses and activities that complement the Convention Center and establish a Convention Center District.

Prior to a public hearing, a Proposed House Draft 1 (Proposed H.D. 1) was circulated for public review and comment. Your Committee subsequently held a public hearing on the Proposed H.D. 1.

The purpose of the Proposed H.D. 1 is the same as the original measure but with the Hawaii Community Development Authority, rather than the Hawaii Tourism Authority, serving as the local redevelopment authority of the district. Additionally, the Proposed H.D. 1 establishes a revolving fund for the purposes of the district.

Outrigger Enterprises Group, Hawaii Laborers' Union, and one individual testified in support of this measure. The Hawaii Tourism Authority and Hawaii Community Development Authority provided comments.

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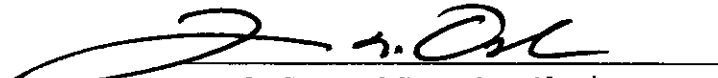


Your Committee has amended the Proposed H.D. 1 by:

- (1) Clarifying the Convention Center District boundaries through the use of tax map key numbers;
- (2) Establishing a Convention Center District Board, which shall consist of the members of the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Tourism Authority;
- (3) Clarifying that the Board may lease but not sell any lands located in the Convention Center District;
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2030, to promote further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2183, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2183, H.D. 1.

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


MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



