

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 8 , 2012

RE: H.B. No. 2673
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 Tourism, to which was referred H.B. No. 2673 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TOURISM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to allow each occupant of a transient accommodation to donate \$1 to be credited to the Department of Land and Natural Resources' State Parks Special Fund.

The Department of Land and Natural Resources and Sierra Club Hawaii Chapter testified in support of the intent of this measure. The Hawaii Lodging and Tourism Association testified in opposition to this measure. The Department of Taxation and Hawaii Tourism Authority provided comments.

Your Committee notes that this measure lacks instruction on how the proposed donations are to be used by the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Thus, a clear nexus between the benefits sought and the charges made upon the users or beneficiaries, as required for special funds under section 37-52.3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, has not been established. The measure requires further discussion to address this concern.



Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the date on which donations are to be remitted to the twentieth day of each month to conform to Department of Taxation standard practices; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, 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 H.B. No. 2673, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2673, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources.

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



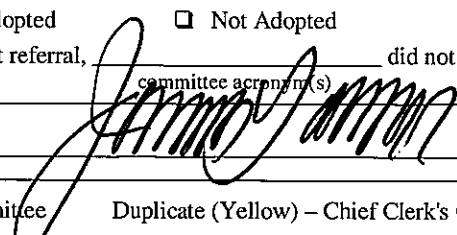
TOM BROWER, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-sixth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Tourism

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2673	Committee Referral: TOU, WLO, FIN	Date: 02/05/12		
<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)				
TOU Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. BROWER, Tom (C)	✓			
2. TOKIOKA, James Kunane (VC)		✓	✓	
3. AWANA, Karen L.		✓		
4. CHOY, Isaac W.	✓			
5. EVANS, Cindy	✓			
6. HASHEM, Mark J.	✓			
7. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.				✓
8. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	✓			
9. TSUJI, Clift	✓			
10. CHING, Corinne W.L.				✓
11. MARUMOTO, Barbara C.	✓			
TOTAL (11)	7	2	0	2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ committee acronym(s) did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 				
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