STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1696 -12

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 12 , 2012

RE: H.C.R. No. 130

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

Sir:

Your Committees on International Affairs and Tourism, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 130 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO SUPPORT AND INCLUDE THE PHILIPPINES IN THE VISA IMPROVEMENTS TO STIMULATE INTERNATIONAL TOURISM TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACT,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to urge the United States Congress to propose and support the inclusion of the Philippines in the Visa Improvements to Stimulate International Tourism to the United States of America Act (VISIT USA Act).

Hawaii Tourism Authority testified in support of this measure.

Your Committees note that the VISIT USA Act establishes a five-year multiple entry visa for specified countries, but does not include the Philippines. Including the Philippines in the VISIT USA Act will strengthen economic, educational, cultural, and other ties between the Philippines and the United States.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on International Affairs and Tourism that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 130 and recommend its adoption.

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Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committees on International Affairs and Tourism,

TOM BROWER, Chair

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Record of Votes of the Committee on International Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: HCR 130	Committee Referral:	Date:	3/19/1	2_			
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.							
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)							
INT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused			
1. AWANA, Karen L. (C)	/						
2. HASHEM, Mark J. (VC)							
3. BROWER, Tom	/		, ,,,,,,				
4. CHOY, Isaac W.							
5. EVANS, Cindy	,						
6. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.							
7. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.							
8. TOKIOKA, James Kunane							
9. TSUJI, Clift							
10. MARUMOTO, Barbara C.							
11. WARD, Gene	/						
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TOTAL (11)	10	0	0	1			
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation.							
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:							
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Record of Votes of the Committee on Tourism

Bill/Resolution No.: Committee Referral: Date: 3/19/12							
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.							
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)							
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1. BROWER, Tom (C)	1						
2. TOKIOKA, James Kunane (VC)	V						
3. AWANA, Karen L.	V						
4. CHOY, Isaac W.	V						
5. EVANS, Cindy							
6. HASHEM, Mark J.	V						
7. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.				V			
8. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.			-				
9. TSUJI, Clift							
10. CHING, Corinne W.L.				V			
11. MARUMOTO, Barbara C.							
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TOTAL (11)	9			2			
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, committee acronym Adopted did not support recommendation.							
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