

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1694-12

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 12, 2012

RE: H.C.R. No. 170

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. 170 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO ENACT 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 enact the Visa Improvements to Stimulate International Tourism to the United States of America Act, H.R. 3341, 2011.

The Hawai'i Tourism Authority testified in support of this measure.

It is your Committees' understanding that the Visa Improvements to Stimulate International Tourism to the United States of America Act reduces travel barriers for international visitors by, among other things, expediting visa filings for applicants and issuing visas for foreign investors, thus serving as an incentive for tourism and travel to 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. 170 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



KAREN L. AWANA, 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. <i>HCR 170</i>	Committee Referral <i>INT/TOU</i>	Date: <i>4/02/12</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input 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)	<i>9</i>			<i>3</i>
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: <i>[Signature]</i>				
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