

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1524 -12

Honolulu, Hawaii
April 5, 2012

RE: H.R. No. 55

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.R. No. 55 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO INCLUDE HONG KONG IN THE UNITED STATES VISA WAIVER PROGRAM AND EASE VISA RESTRICTIONS AND THE VISA APPLICATION AND APPROVAL PROCESS FOR BUSINESS AND TOURIST TRAVELERS WITH HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION PASSPORTS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to urge the United States Department of State, the United States Department of Homeland Security, and the United States Attorney General to include Hong Kong in the United States Visa Waiver program and ease visa restrictions and the visa application and approval process for business and tourist travelers with Hong Kong Special Administrative Region passports.

The Hawaii Tourism Authority testified in support of the intent of this measure.

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.R. No. 55 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



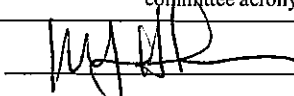
KAREN L. AWANA, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on International Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: HR 55	Committee Referral: INT/TOM	Date: 3/19/12		
<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)				
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	/			
TOTAL (11)	10	0	0	1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 				
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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)	9			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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