

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2599

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 02 2012

RE: S.B. No. 2642
S.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2642 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds for the Hawaii Tourism Authority to take advantage of new initiatives for increased travel and tourism in the United States, which will further establish Hawaii as a global destination and benefit the State's economy.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from Hawaiian Airlines.

Your Committee finds that the federal government's recent travel and tourism initiatives will be highly beneficial to Hawaii's tourism economy and will advance efforts to stimulate job growth. The funds appropriated by this measure will help the Hawaii Tourism Authority to take advantage of expanded visa programs and increased travel opportunities for international visitors to Hawaii.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:


- (1) Changing the amount of the appropriation to an unspecified sum; and



- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2642, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2642, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,



DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Sixth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Ways and Means
WAM

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB2642	Committee Referral: TSM, WAM	Date: 2-24-12		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
ESPERO, Will		✓		
FUKUNAGA, Carol	✓			
KIM, Donna Mercado	✓			
KAHELE, Gilbert	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D.	✓			
RYAN, Pohai	✓			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	13	1	0	0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Michelle N. Kidani</div>				
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