

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **643**

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 28 2013

RE: H.B. No. 1339
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2013
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 1339, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE TRANSIENT ACCOMMODATIONS TAX,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to help the Hawaii tourism industry retain its competitive edge in its promotional and marketing efforts and to increase efficiency in the Department of Taxation by repealing the \$10 daily transient accommodations tax collected each month for transient accommodations furnished on a complimentary or gratuitous basis.

The Department of Taxation, Hawaii Tourism Authority, Hawaii Lodging and Tourism Association, Kohala Coast Resort Association, Outrigger Hotels Hawaii, Starwood Hotels and Resorts, and Maui Hotel & Lodging Association supported this measure. The Tax Foundation of Hawaii offered comments on this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1339, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



