

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 14, 2013

RE: H.B. No. 332

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Tourism, to which was referred H.B. No. 332
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to further assist Hawaii's
tourism industry by authorizing the Hawaii Tourism Authority to
make grants for the development of visitor industry products and
programs, through an agreement rather than through a contract.
Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Authorizes the Hawaii Tourism Authority to provide
grants to support cultural programs, community-based
tourism activities, such as festivals and events,
environmental projects and other appropriate activities;
- (2) Sets the required elements of a grant application;
- (3) Requires the Hawaii Tourism Authority to monitor grants
for performance; and
- (4) Exempts these grants from the requirements of Hawaii
grants and subsidies law.

The Hawaii Tourism Authority and a concerned individual
supported this measure.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Tourism that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 332 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



TOM BROWER, Chair



