Honolulu, Hawaii February 14, 2013

RE: H.B. No. 955 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 Tourism, to which was referred H.B. No. 955 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSIENT ACCOMMODATIONS TAX," begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to aid the Department of Taxation in gathering information about transient accommodations operators by changing the penalty for transient accommodations owners and lessors of property who fail to report and display required contact information to specific parties regarding transient accommodations from a criminal to a civil penalty.

The Department of Taxation and Outrigger Hotels Hawaii supported this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting language stipulating that civil penalties shall be imposed no more than once per year. Technical, nonsubstantive amendments were also made for clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 955, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 955, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

TOM BROWER, Chair

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## **Record of Votes of the Committee on Tourism**

Bill/Resolution No.:	Committee Referral:	Date:	1/11/	110
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☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to:  Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD)  Hold				
□ Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
TOU Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. BROWER, Tom (C)	<b>V</b>			
2. CACHOLA, Romy M. (VC)			_	V
3. CHOY, Isaac W.				
4. OHNO, Takashi	V		100	
5. ONISHI, Richard H.K.				
5. Ordoni, Richard II.K.	V			
6. TAKAYAMA, Gregg				
7. TOKIOKA, James Kunane				
8. TSUJI, Clift				
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9. WARD, Gene	V			
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TOTAL (9)	න	0	0	1
The recommendation is:  Adopted  If joint referral,  committee acronymy,  Man				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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