

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 392-14

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 13, 2014

RE: H.B. No. 2434
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Tourism, to which was referred H.B. No. 2434 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 specify that the \$3,000,000 Transient Accommodations Tax (TAT) revenue amount currently allocated for expenditure pursuant to agreement between the Hawaii Tourism Authority (HTA) and the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) for natural resources and facilities purposes in accordance with HTA's Strategic Plan shall be:

- (1) Deposited into the Special Land and Development Fund, rather than the general fund; and
- (2) Distributed among the Beach Restoration Special Fund, State Parks Special Fund, and Trail and Access Program for expenditure by various divisions of the Department of Land and Natural Resources in accordance with the agreement between BLNR and HTA.

The HTA and Outrigger Hotels Hawaii supported this measure. The Department of Land and Natural Resources, Historic Hawaii Foundation, and Tax Foundation of Hawaii commented on this measure.

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Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding allocation to and expenditure from the Conservation and Resources Enforcement Special Fund as an authorized use for TAT revenues allocated pursuant to agreement between BLNR and HTA; and
- (2) Making the measure effective upon its approval to ensure that previously allocated funds are available in the current fiscal year.

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. 2434, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2434, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



TOM BROWER, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Tourism

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2434	Committee Referral: TOU, FIN	Date: 02-03-14		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" 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)				
TOU Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. BROWER, Tom (C)	✓			
2. CACHOLA, Romy M. (VC)	✓			
3. AWANA, Karen	✓	<i>[Signature]</i>		
4. CHOY, Isaac W.	✓			
5. OHNO, Takashi	✓			
6. ONISHI, Richard H.K.				✓
7. TAKAI, K. Mark				✓
8. TOKIOKA, James Kunane		<i>[Signature]</i>		
9. TSUJI, Clift	✓			
10. WARD, Gene	✓			
TOTAL (10)	8			2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align:center; font-size: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <i>[Signature]</i>				
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