

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 1, 2013

RE: H.B. No. 332  
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. 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  
enter into grant agreements for the development of visitor  
industry products and programs, including cultural programs,  
community-based tourism activities, such as festivals and events,  
environmental projects and other appropriate activities.

While exempting the grants from the requirements of Hawaii's  
grants and subsidies law, this measure provides grant making  
safeguards, including grant application criteria and review and  
performance monitoring requirements.

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

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

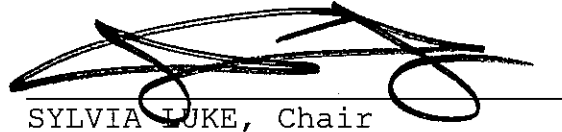
- (1) Defining the term "grant";
- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2030, to promote  
further discussion; and



- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 332, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 332, H.D. 1.

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



SYLVIA DUKE, Chair



