

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 3024

S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committees on Tourism and Water and Land, to which was referred S.B. No. 3024 entitled:

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

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Increase the amount of excess transient accommodations tax revenues allocated for certain purposes subject to the mutual agreement of the Board of Land and Natural Resources and the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Tourism Authority in accordance with the Hawaii Tourism Authority strategic plan to \$10,000,000; and
- (2) Allocate \$5,000,000 of the \$10,000,000 to the Division of Conservation and Resource Enforcement.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Division of Conservation and Resource Enforcement, West Hawaii; Nature Conservancy; Maui Tomorrow; Native Hawaiian Leadership Program; Puako Community Association; Big Island Bird Hunters; Malama Maunaloa; Kauai Planning and Action Alliance; Humane Society of the United States - Hawaii Office; Hawaii State Bodysurfing Association; and several individuals. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawaii Tourism



Authority. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committees find that Hawaii's globally unique environment is among the top reasons that visitors from all over the world come to the State. This measure supports the protection, preservation, and enhancement of natural and cultural resources important to the tourism industry.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending sections 171-19(a), 184-3.4(a), and 198D-2(b) and (d), Hawaii Revised Statutes, to enable the Department of Land and Natural Resources to more quickly and efficiently use the transient accommodations tax revenues allocated, subject to the mutual agreement of the Board of Land and Natural Resources and the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Tourism Authority in accordance with the Hawaii Tourism Authority Strategic Plan, through the special land and development fund for purposes such as management of public lands, state parks, and trails and trail accesses;
- (2) Inserting language to additionally authorize the allocation of those transient accommodations tax revenues through the special land and development fund to the beach restoration special fund and the conservation and resources enforcement special fund;
- (3) Making the measure effective upon approval; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

Your Committees note that if your Committee on Ways and Means considers this measure for passage it may want to consider raising the budget ceiling on the special land and development fund so that the Division of Conservation and Resource Enforcement may access the appropriated funds.

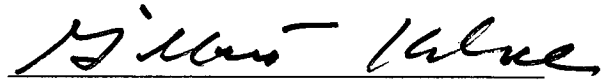
As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Tourism and Water and Land that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3024, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass



Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3024,
S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Tourism and Water
and Land,


MALAMA SOLOMON, Chair


GILBERT KAHELE, Chair



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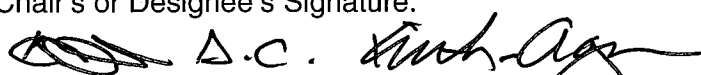
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
 If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312
 Pass, with amendments 2311
 Hold 2310
 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KAHELE, Gilbert (C)	✓			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	✓			
IGE, David Y.				✓
IHARA, Jr., Les				✓
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	3	0	0	2

Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:


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The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
SOLOMON, Malama (C)	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood (VC)	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les				✓
RUDERMAN, Russell E.				✓
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	✓			
TANIGUCHI, Brian				✓
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	6			3
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
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