

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 952

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 24 2015

RE: H.B. No. 1259  
H.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2015  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Tourism and International Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 1259, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Make permanent the provisions of Act 58, Session Laws of Hawaii 2004, as amended, that allow the Hawaii Tourism Authority independent management and oversight over its financial operations by granting exemptions from requirements for Comptroller's supervision of accounts, publication of consolidated financial statements, approval of business and accounting forms, and deposit of funds into the tourism special fund; and
- (2) Increase the allocation of funds from the tourism special fund for administrative expenses of the Hawaii Tourism Authority.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Tourism Authority. Your Committee received comments on this measure from Outrigger Enterprises Group.

Your Committee finds that Act 58, Session Laws of Hawaii 2004, as amended, was intended to enhance the operational effectiveness of the Hawaii Tourism Authority. This measure permanently allows the Hawaii Tourism Authority to continue

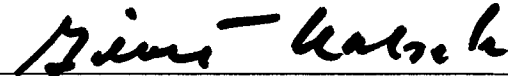
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operations more effectively while requiring transparency, controls, and accountability for funds.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Tourism and International Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1259, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Tourism and  
International Affairs,



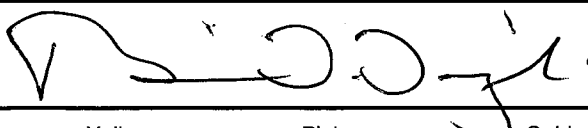
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GILBERT KAHELE, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Tourism and International Affairs**  
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
<i>HB 1259 HD1</i>	<i>TSI, WAM</i>	<i>03-18-15</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310		
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KAHELE, Gilbert (C)				✓
ENGLISH, J. Kalani (VC)		✓		
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.		✓		
TOKUDA, Jill N.		✓		
SLOM, Sam				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	<i>0</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2</i>
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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