

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

426

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 20, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 197

H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Tourism, to which was referred H.B. No. 197
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 assist the counties
financially so they can better support tourism and tourism-related
services by removing the current dollar amount cap on transient
accommodations tax revenues to be distributed to the counties and
establishing the distribution of these revenues as a percentage of
transient accommodations tax collected.

Three council members from the County of Maui, a council
member from the County of Hawaii, and two council members from the
County of Kauai supported this measure. The Department of Budget
and Finance, Hawaii Tourism Authority, State-County Functions
Working Group, and the Tax Foundation of Hawaii offered comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by clarifying that
the transient accommodations tax revenues to be distributed to the
counties shall be used to address the impact of the visitor
industry on county services and tourism-related infrastructure.

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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. 197, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 197, 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



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-eighth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Tourism

Bill/Resolution No.: <i>HB 197</i>	Committee Referral: <i>TOU, FIN</i>	Date: <i>2/18/15</i>		
<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. OHNO, Takashi (VC)	✓			
3. CACHOLA, Romy M.	✓			
4. CHOY, Isaac W.	✓			
5. ITO, Ken	✓			
6. KAWAKAMI, Derek S.K.	✓			
7. KONG, Sam Satoru	✓			
8. ONISHI, Richard H.K.	✓			
9. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	✓			
10. TSUJI, Clift	✓			
11. WOODSON, Justin H.	✓			
12. MATSUMOTO, Lauren Kealohilani	✓			
13. WARD, Gene	✓			
TOTAL (13)	13	0	0	0
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: 10pt;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u><i>Takashi Ohno</i></u>				
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