

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 16 2017

RE: S.B. No. 1084
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Economic Development, Tourism, and
Technology, to which was referred S.B. No. 1084 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) Require that the Governor appoint members of the Hawaii Tourism Authority Board of Directors within ninety days of receiving lists of nominees from the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives;
- (2) Repeal the Hawaii Tourism Authority Board of Directors' authority to convene closed meetings for certain purposes; and
- (3) Require the Hawaii Tourism Authority to submit an unredacted report of summary descriptions and planned and actual expenditures of contracts and agreements entered into by the Authority and a detailed annual budget for the Authority to the Governor and Legislature.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Lodging & Tourism Association, Island Air, Society of Professional Journalists Hawaii Chapter, Waikiki Improvement Association, and one individual. Your Committee received comments



on this measure from the Hawaii Tourism Authority and the Office of Information Practices.

Your Committee finds that the Hawaii Tourism Authority is a vital contributor to and supporter of the State's top industry. Since the Hawaii Tourism Authority's inception, it has been an invaluable partner to many associations and organizations in ensuring the remarkable success of tourism in the State. Accordingly, your Committee finds that it is crucial that the appointment of members of the Board of Directors occur promptly. Your Committee further finds it vital that the Board of Directors' meetings, proceedings, and information be transparent and accessible to the lawmakers and partners who provide oversight of the Hawaii Tourism Authority's activities and budget.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

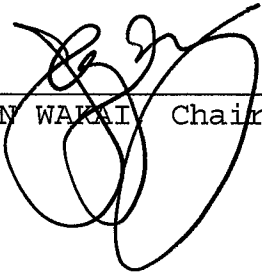
- (1) Stipulating that if the Governor receives the list of nominees for appointment to the Hawaii Tourism Authority's Board of Directors from the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives but a vacancy continues after ninety days, the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives shall alternate appointing the members;
- (2) Allowing the Hawaii Tourism Authority's Board of Directors to enter into executive meetings closed to the public with stipulated exceptions;
- (3) Requiring that Hawaii Tourism Authority's Board of Directors' executive meeting minutes be available to any legislator upon request;
- (4) Requiring information relating to marketing plans and strategies discussed at executive meetings to be disclosed after the execution of the market plans and strategies; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development, Tourism, and Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1084, as amended herein, and



recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1084, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committees on Ways and Means and Judiciary and Labor.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Economic
Development, Tourism, and
Technology,



GLENN WARAI Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Economic Development, Tourism, and Technology
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 1084	Committee Referral: ETT, WAM/JDL	Date: 2/8/17		
<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 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
WAKAI, Glenn (C)	✓			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.				✓
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.				✓
TOTAL	3	0	0	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes