

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1310

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 24, 2017

RE: S.B. No. 1299
S.D. 1
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred S.B. No. 1299, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHARTER TOUR OPERATORS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to allow travel agencies operating as charter tour operators to maintain statutorily required client trust accounts in federally-insured financial institutions outside the State; provided that the charter tour operator files a written irrevocable agreement and authorization allowing the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to examine and obtain copies of all business records related to the client trust account.

Vacations Hawaii testified in support of this measure. The Regulated Industries Complaints Office of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs provided comments.

Your Committee notes that the concerned parties are in the process of working together to resolve the issues this measure seeks to address. Accordingly, your Committee finds that this measure deserves further consideration and discussion.

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As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1299, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Consumer
Protection & Commerce,



ROY M. TAKUMI, Chair



