

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 29 2017

RE: S.C.R. No. 72

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.C.R. No. 72 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A MANAGEMENT AUDIT OF THE HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the Auditor to conduct a management audit of the Hawaii Tourism Authority.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Lodging & Tourism Association, Island Air, and Hawaii Government Employees Association. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawaii Tourism Authority and five individuals.

Your Committee finds that the Hawaii Tourism Authority is an important and vital contributor to, and supporter of, the State's top industry. Since its inception, the Hawaii Tourism Authority has been the State's largest single source of public funding for marketing and promotion to help diversify and sustain the industry. The Hawaii Tourism Authority also has access to and expenditure of significant amounts of state funds; as a result, Hawaii legislators provide helpful oversight over the Hawaii Tourism Authority's spending and activities. Thus, your Committee further finds that a management audit of the Hawaii Tourism Authority and a report of findings will help the Legislature



encourage prudent management of state resources and better support the vital tourism industry in the State.

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 concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 72 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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



GLENN WAKAI, 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.:* SCR 72	Committee Referral: ETT, WAM	Date: 3/24/17		
<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 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
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