

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

February 7, 2017

RE: H.B. No. 134

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 Economic Development & Business, to which was referred H.B. No. 134 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SPORTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish the Hawaii Sports Task Force to plan and coordinate efforts to bring the Pro Bowl back to Hawaii and establish Hawaii as a host site for other sporting and sports entertainment events, including a National Football League preseason game and world-title soccer and Ultimate Fighting Championship tournaments at Aloha Stadium.

The Chamber of Commerce Hawaii, Ho'omana Pono, LLC, and two concerned individuals supported this bill. The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism supported the intent of this measure. The Stadium Authority, Hawai'i Tourism Authority, and a concerned individual submitted comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the membership of the Hawaii Sports Task Force by:
 - (A) Adding a representative from the Chamber of Commerce Hawaii and deleting the manager of Aloha Stadium; and

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- (B) Specifying that the individuals representing the hotel and tourism industry who are appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate, be residents of the county of Kauai, Maui, or Hawaii;
- (2) Repealing the Act on January 5, 2018;
- (3) Amending the effective date to July 1, 2038, to facilitate further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for consistency, clarity, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development & Business that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 134, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 134, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Economic
Development & Business,



MARK M. NAKASHIMA, Chair



