

Honolulu, Hawaii

MARCH 2, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 1828
H.D. 3

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 1828, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TOURISM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to mitigate the negative impacts on communities caused by tourist activities by:

- (1) Allocating \$10,000,000 in transient accommodations tax revenues to the Hawaii Tourism Authority to support initiatives, in conjunction with the Hawaii Lodging and Tourism Association, to mitigate those negative impacts caused by tourist activities; provided that the funds are matched dollar-for-dollar by the private sector, the applicable counties, or a combination of both; and
- (2) Requiring the Hawaii Tourism Authority to submit a report to the Legislature on the expenditure of the \$10,000,000 allocation of funds.

The Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association supported this measure. The Hawai'i Tourism Authority provided comments.



Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the amount of transient accommodations tax revenues allocated to the Hawaii Tourism Authority for initiatives that mitigate negative impacts caused by tourism activity to an unspecified amount; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1828, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1828, H.D. 3.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Finance,



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



