

Honolulu, Hawaii
March 1, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2008
H.D. 1

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. 2008, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

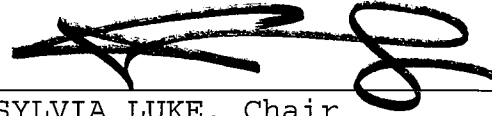
The purpose of this measure is to create parity in the taxation of transient accommodations by imposing the Transient Accommodations Tax on the portion of gross rental proceeds allocated to travel agencies and tour packagers that enter into arrangements to furnish transient accommodations at noncommissioned negotiated contract rates and including travel agencies and tour packagers in registration requirements.

Expedia Inc. opposed this measure. The Department of Taxation and Tax Foundation of Hawaii provided comments on this measure.

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. 2008, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.



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



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



