

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 15, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2011
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 Tourism, to which was referred H.B. No. 2011 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSIENT ACCOMMODATIONS TAX,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to enhance enforcement of the State's Transient Accommodations Tax (TAT) law by increasing the annual cap on the Tax Administration Special Fund for the special enforcement section from \$700,000 to \$1,000,000, and requiring that the first \$300,000 collected be deposited into a special account exclusively for the operations of the special enforcement section in enforcing the TAT law.

The Department of Taxation, Tax Foundation of Hawaii, and Airbnb provided comments on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Tourism that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2011, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2011, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.



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


RICHARD H.K. ONISHI, Chair



