

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3276

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 28 2018

RE: S.R. No. 118

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Economic Development, Tourism, and
Technology and Government Operations, to which was referred S.R.
No. 118 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATURE TO
CONVENE A JOINT TASK FORCE TO IDENTIFY AND EXAMINE POTENTIAL
SOURCES OF INCREASED REVENUE AND MEASURES TO REDUCE STATE
COSTS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Request the Governor and Legislature to convene a joint
task force to identify ways to:
 - (A) Collect uncollected revenues;
 - (B) Generate revenue by enacting tax measures that have
minimal impact on families with low- and moderate-
incomes; and
 - (C) Reduce costs by re-describing positions and
eliminating unnecessary vacancies in various state
departments and agencies;
- (2) Request the Governor to share the Governor's six-year
financial plan with the Legislature no later than twenty
days prior to the convening of each regular session; and



- (3) Encourage the joint task force to meet every fiscal quarter to review and update the financial plan as necessary.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Taxation.

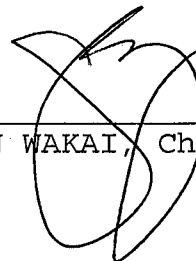
Your Committees find that the State is not collecting the full amount of revenue owed from sources such as the transient accommodations tax from illegal transient vacation rentals, hotel resort fees, and online transient accommodation intermediaries. Your Committees further find that several measures have been proposed for consideration this regular session that would enforce or clarify existing tax laws, or increase revenue generated from various sources, to create financial stability. However, prior to enacting these measures, your Committees feel that more collaborative work between the Legislature and the Executive Branch would better identify areas where the State can generate more revenue and make the State more efficient. Your Committees believe that a joint task force to address these issues is imperative to thoroughly examine the options, share information and ideas, and make fiscally prudent decisions for the State's future.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Economic Development, Tourism, and Technology and Government Operations that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 118 and recommend that it be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Economic
Development, Tourism, and
Technology and Government
Operations,



DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair

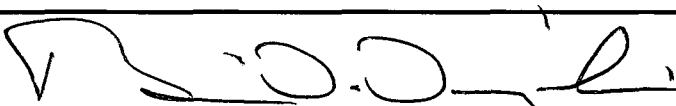


GLENN WAKAI, Chair



The Senate
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Record of Votes
Committee on Economic Development, Tourism, and Technology
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SR 118	ETT/GND, WAM	3/23/18		
<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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