

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1239

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 911
H.D. 2

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 911, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TOURISM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to ensure the proper maintenance of the Hawaii Convention Center as an emergency operations center for the Hawai'i Tourism Authority (HTA) during a statewide emergency by:

- (1) Establishing the Convention Center Repair and Maintenance Special Fund for the repair and maintenance of the Hawaii Convention Center;
- (2) Establishing the Convention Center Emergency Special Fund as a resource for the tourism industry in case of a natural disaster or other emergency;
- (3) Requiring HTA to submit annual reports to the Legislature relating to the expenditures, purposes, and balances of the Convention Center Repair and Maintenance Special Fund and Convention Center Emergency Special Fund;



- (4) Prohibiting the moneys in the Convention Center Enterprise Special Fund from being used for repair and maintenance projects that are to be funded by the Convention Center Repair and Maintenance Special Fund; and
- (5) Annually allocating \$2,000,000 and \$5,000,000 of Transient Accommodations Tax revenues to the Convention Center Repair and Maintenance Special Fund and Convention Center Emergency Special Fund, respectively, from fiscal years 2019-2020 to 2022-2023.

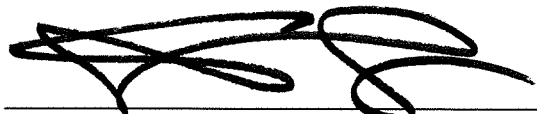
HTA and an individual submitted testimony in support of the measure. The Department of Budget and Finance and Tax Foundation of Hawaii offered comments on the measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the amounts allocated from the revenues of the Transient Accommodations Tax to the Convention Center Repair and Maintenance Special Fund and the Convention Center Emergency Special Fund to unspecified amounts; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for 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. 911, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 911, H.D. 2.

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



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



