

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 596  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2021  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism,  
to which was referred S.B. No. 596 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to repeal language that has been interpreted to allow board members of the Hawaii Tourism Authority to hold office until the member's successor is appointed and qualified. Instead, it prohibits holdover board members from holding office beyond the end of the second regular session following the expiration of the board member's term of office.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that holdover limitations for board members of the Hawaii Tourism Authority are important to reduce redundancy and limit the power and scope of members whose terms of office have expired. Your Committee also finds that the holdover limitations in section 26-34(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes, that allow a holdover member to potentially continue in office until the end of the second regular legislative session following the expiration of the member's term of office are too long and counterproductive. Therefore, your Committee finds that any holdover on the board of the Hawaii Tourism Authority should be



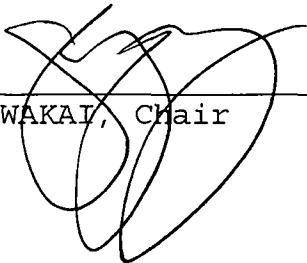
limited to the beginning of the next regular legislative session following the expiration of the member's term of office.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing the holdover limitations subject to section 26-34(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes; and
- (2) Limiting the holdover status of a Hawaii Tourism Authority board members from holding office beyond commencement of the next regular legislative session, following the expiration of the member's term.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 596, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 596, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Energy, Economic  
Development, and Tourism,

  
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GLENN WAKAI, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-First Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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**Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism**  
**EET**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SB 596</i>	Committee Referral: <i>EET, JDC</i>	Date: <i>2/3/21</i>		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" 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)	<i>X</i>			
MISALUCHA, Bennette E. (VC)	<i>X</i>			
LEE, Chris	<i>X</i>			
RIVIERE, Gil	<i>X</i>			
FEVELLA, Kurt				<i>X</i>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<i>4</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;"><i>G. Riviere</i></div>				
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