

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1698

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 30, 2023

RE: H.C.R. No. 172

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2023  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Tourism, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 172 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE OFFICE OF ENTERPRISE TECHNOLOGY SERVICES, TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE SOCIAL AND SAFETY IMPACTS OF GEOTAGGING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Hawai'i Tourism Authority, in consultation with the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, to conduct a study on the social and safety impacts of geotagging.

Your Committee did not receive any written testimony on this measure.

Your Committee finds that geotagging allows an individual to share the location where a video or picture was taken or where the user of a device or application is currently located. While geotagging has many consumer and marketing benefits, there are many unintended social and safety impacts of the use of geotagging. Geotagging is one of the many factors contributing to overtourism in the State and to the increase in safety concerns as locations that do not have the infrastructure to support thousands of visitors on a daily basis are beginning to see a significant increase in traffic. Your Committee believes that the social and

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safety impacts of geotagging must be studied in depth to get a better understanding of any further unintended consequences.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Tourism that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 172 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Higher Education & Technology.

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



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SEAN QUINLAN, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Thirty-second Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Tourism

| <b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b><br>HCR 172  | <b>Committee Referral:</b><br>TOU, HET | <b>Date:</b><br>03/28/2023 |      |          |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.   |  |                            |      |          |
| <b>The recommendation is to:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit) |  |                            |      |          |
| TOU Members   | Ayes                                   | Ayes (WR)                  | Nays | Excused  |
| 1. QUINLAN, Sean (C)  | ✓                                      |                            |      |          |
| 2. HUSSEY-BURDICK, Natalia (VC)   | ✓                                      |                            |      |          |
| 3. HOLT, Daniel   | ✓                                      |                            |      |          |
| 4. KONG, Sam Satoru   | ✓                                      |                            |      |          |
| 5. LA CHICA, Trish  | ✓                                      |                            |      |          |
| 6. LAMOSAO, Rachele F.  | ✓                                      |                            |      |          |
| 7. NAKAMURA, Nadine K.  |  |                            |      | ✓        |
| 8. PIERICK, Elijah  |  |                            |      | ✓        |
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| <b>The recommendation is:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted<br>If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation.<br>committee acronym(s)  |  |                            |      |          |
| <b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b> <u>NTB</u>   |  |                            |      |          |
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