

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

611

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 17 2023

RE: S.B. No. 629

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism,
to which was referred S.B. No. 629 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 require
contracts entered into by the Hawaii Tourism Authority for
management of the Hawaii Convention Center to include marketing
for all uses of the facility.

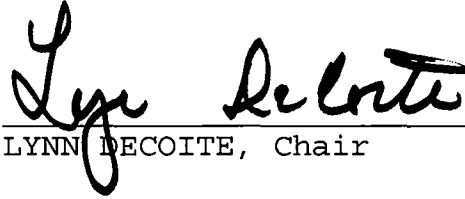
Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this
measure from the Hawai'i Hotel Alliance. Your Committee received
comments on this measure from the Hawai'i Tourism Authority.

Your Committee finds that the Hawaii Convention Center
provides a venue for the State to host large meetings,
conventions, and incentives that draw large numbers of visitors to
the State. Your Committee believes that the procurement process
for the marketing services of the Hawaii Convention Center should
be updated to ensure a competitive bidding process that will
effectively market the Convention Center as a premier location for
meetings and conventions. This measure will ensure the State
receives the best value from proposals for the marketing of the
Hawaii Convention Center by requiring contracts entered into by
the Hawaii Tourism Authority for management of the Hawaii
Convention Center to include marketing for all uses of the
facility.



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. 629 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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

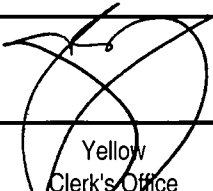


LYNN DECOITE, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 629	EET, WAM	2-16-23		
<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
DECOITE, Lynn (C)	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol		✓		
KIM, Donna Mercado	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	4	10	0	0
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted		<input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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