

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2252

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Tourism and Government Operations, to which was referred S.B. No. 2252 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to prohibit an ex officio member or an interim appointee of a board or commission from serving as chair of that board or commission.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition of this measure from the Department of Accounting and General Services and the Office of the Governor.

Your Committee finds that a potential conflict of interest exists when an ex officio member of a board or commission, who is usually a department director, is also the chair of that board or commission. A board or commission should act independently of any department.

Your Committee further finds that interim appointees to boards and commissions should not serve as a chair, since doing so may disrupt the continuity and efficient operation of the board or commission.

The intent of this measure is to ensure public confidence in the operations and decision making of a board or commission.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Tourism and Government Operations that is attached to



this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2252 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Tourism and
Government Operations,

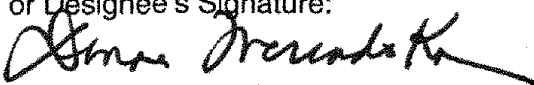
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CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Fourth Legislature
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Record of Votes
Committee on Tourism and Government Operations
TSG

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2252	Committee Referral: TSG	Date: 2-5-08		
<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
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (C)	✓			
KIM, Donna Mercado (VC)	✓			
TSUTSUI, Shan S.	✓			
TRIMBLE, Gordon				✓
TOTAL	3			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes