



TESTIMONY OF DANIEL NĀHO'OPI'I
INTERIM PRESIDENT & CEO, HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY
BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
Tuesday, April 2, 2024 – 2:30 p.m.
In consideration of
SB 582 SD 2
RELATING TO STATE BUDGET

Aloha Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee,

The Hawai'i Tourism Authority (HTA) appreciates the opportunity to offer comments on SB582 SD2. Our comments are limited to the transfer of monies from two funds under HTA responsibility – S-348-B Tourism Special Fund, and S-361-B Convention Center Enterprise Special Fund – to the state general fund.

The amounts proposed for transfer will not negatively impact HTA's operations. We are no longer authorized to access the requested \$1.3 million in unencumbered funds in the Tourism Special Fund, and we understand the \$11 million proposed for transfer from the Convention Center Enterprise Special Fund will fulfill our repayment to the Department of Budget & Finance for their provision of convention center operational funds in FY24.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide these comments.