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before the
COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

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10:00 a.m.
State Capitol Conference Room 423 & Videoconference

In consideration of
HOUSE BILL NO. 820
RELATING TO THE TRANSIENT ACCOMODATIONS TAX

Aloha Chair Quinlan, Vice Chair Hussey-Burdick, and members of the Committee on Tourism,

The Hawai'i Tourism Authority (HTA) appreciates the opportunity to offer comments on HB820 which establishes a transient accommodations tax rate of twenty-five percent for furnishing transient vacation units to transient occupants for less than thirty days.

Our community-driven Destination Management Action Plans across Hawai'i clearly articulate a desire to manage visitor accommodations – specifically, taking steps to limit and regulate short-term vacation rentals in neighborhoods and other sensitive areas in our communities. We are generally supportive of state and county efforts to advance that priority.

We respectfully defer to the Department of Taxation for their expertise in the implementation of this particular measure.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide these comments on HB820.