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TESTIMONY OF DANIEL NĀHOʻOPIʻI INTERIM PRESIDENT & CEO, HAWAIʻI TOURISM AUTHORITY BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM Tuesday, January 30, 2024 10:00 a.m. In consideration of

HB 1518 RELATING TO THE HAWAI'I TOURISM AUTHORITY

Aloha Chair Quinlan, Vice Chair Hussey-Burdick, and Members of the Committee,

The Hawai'i Tourism Authority (HTA) supports this measure, which removes the term "and qualified" from the Hawai'i Tourism Authority's appointment process to clarify advise and consent authority of the Senate.

HTA appreciates the clarity in statutory language that this measure proposes to enact.

Mahalo for the opportunity to offer these comments on this measure.