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## **COUNCIL VOTES TO IMPROVE SUSTAINABLE TOURISM**

The Honolulu City Council today passed Bill 34 to provide the citizens of the City and County of Honolulu a progress report documenting the sustainable efforts by Oahu's visitor industry.

Bill 34, introduced by Councilmember Kymberly Pine of District 1, requires the Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency (CCSR) to track and report annually on Oahu visitor industry sustainability efforts.

The measure aims to encourage the visitor industry to adopt more sustainable eco-tourism policies and to reduce solid waste production, reduce water and fossil fuel use, and promote renewable energy and multi-modal transportation.

**“For the sake of future generations, we need to act now and do more,” said Councilmember Pine. “This legislation will ensure those in our visitor industry take action to benefit our island communities as well their bottom line.**

Tourism-related entities shall respond to annual requests from the CCSR for a variety of information including solid waste generation, energy consumption, fossil fuel usage, and water usage. CCSR will determine the content and metrics of the report, based on internationally-accepted best practices and will be updated periodically as best practices evolve.

For more information on this bill or the Honolulu City Council, please go to the following web sites: <http://www.honolulu-citycouncil.com> or <http://www.honolulu.gov/council>

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