
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO COUNTY FEES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 46, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
2 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to
3 read as follows:

4 "§46- Cruise ship passengers; environmental and impact
5 fees; amounts; usage of fees; prior legislative approval
6 required. (a) A county may impose, subject to subsection (e),
7 a resource user fee and an environmental impact fee on the owner
8 of a cruise ship carrying passengers if the cruise ship is
9 berthed in waters of the county within a harbor, at a pier, or
10 otherwise docked in the county.

11 (b) The amount of the:

12 (1) Resource user fee shall be based on the ratio of
13 \$ per every five hundred passengers; and

14 (2) Environmental impact fee shall be based on the ratio
15 of \$ per every five hundred passengers

16 who disembark from the cruise ship while the ship is in the
17 county on each complete cruise ship voyage.



1 (c) The resource user fee shall be used to offset county
 2 expenses incurred for the provision of direct services to
 3 passengers of the cruise ship, including but not limited to
 4 police, transportation, emergency medical, rescue and
 5 evacuation, and other services provided by entities or personnel
 6 employed by the county using county resources.

7 (d) All fees imposed and collected pursuant to this
 8 section shall be used solely in areas of the county that are
 9 identified by the county as being directly affected by the
 10 visitor industry.

11 (e) A county is prohibited from imposing the fees under
 12 this section unless first authorized by the legislature through
 13 a separate legislative act."

14 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

15 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:



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Report Title:

County Resource User and Environmental Impact Fees; Cruise Ships

Description:

Allows counties to impose resource user fee and environmental impact fees on cruise ship owners based on \$ per 500 disembarking passengers. Restricts use of fees to areas directly affected by tourism. Requires prior legislative approval before county may impose fees.

