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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TOURISM.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that tourism is the chief  
2 generator of employment and revenue in the state, and extends  
3 into all sectors of the State's economy. New developments in  
4 technology, visitor sophistication, and increased competition  
5 from other world tourism markets have challenged Hawaii's  
6 tourism industry to attract visitors with specific interests.

7           The legislature recognizes that expansion of the State's  
8 tourism product by developing new niche products, such as space  
9 tourism, can enhance Hawaii's appeal as a tourist destination.

10           In 2007, Virgin Galactic confirmed viability of space  
11 tourism, by earning approximately \$31,000,000 in ticket revenue  
12 from over one hundred passengers. On December 15, 2008, the  
13 Federal Aviation Administration awarded a launch license for  
14 vertical and horizontal launch to the New Mexico Spaceport  
15 Authority to establish a commercial spaceport.

16           Space tourism is a potential billion dollar global industry  
17 that could significantly increase state revenue sources, provide



1 new aerospace jobs, and rejuvenate economic development in the  
2 Kalaeloa area. The Federal Aviation Administration is expected  
3 to issue a limited number of spaceport licenses, and the  
4 legislature finds that it is crucial to position Hawaii for the  
5 economic advantages a license may bring.

6 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for the  
7 application for a spaceport license from the Federal Aviation  
8 Administration.

9 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the airport  
10 revenue fund the sum of \$250,000 or so much thereof as may be  
11 necessary for fiscal year 2009-2010 to be transferred from the  
12 department of transportation to the department of business,  
13 economic development, and tourism for the application for a  
14 spaceport license from the Federal Aviation Administration.

15 There is appropriated out of the tourism special fund the  
16 sum of \$250,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for  
17 fiscal year 2009-2010 to be transferred from the Hawaii tourism  
18 authority to the department of business, economic development,  
19 and tourism for the application for a spaceport license from the  
20 Federal Aviation Administration.



1           Notwithstanding sections 201B-11 and 261-5, the sums  
2 appropriated shall be expended by the department of business,  
3 economic development, and tourism for the purposes of this Act.

4           SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2009.



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**Report Title:**

Tourism; Space Industry; Federal Aviation Administration;  
Spaceport License

**Description:**

Appropriates funds for the application for a spaceport license  
from the Federal Aviation Administration to establish space  
tourism in Hawaii. (HB994 CD1)

