
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 Kalaheo 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 and there is also
12 appropriated out of the Tourism Special Fund the sum of \$250,000
13 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2009-2010
14 for the application for a spaceport license from the Federal
15 Aviation Administration.

16 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
17 of business, economic development, and tourism for the purposes
18 of this Act.

19 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2113.

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. Effective July 1, 2113. (SD2)