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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE TOURISM SPECIAL FUND.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 237D-6.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

3           "(b) Revenues collected under this chapter shall be  
4 distributed as follows, with the excess revenues to be deposited  
5 into the general fund:

6           (1) 17.3 per cent of the revenues collected under this  
7 chapter shall be deposited into the convention center  
8 enterprise special fund established under section  
9 201B-8; provided that beginning January 1, 2002, if  
10 the amount of the revenue collected under this  
11 paragraph exceeds \$33,000,000 in any calendar year,  
12 revenues collected in excess of \$33,000,000 shall be  
13 deposited into the general fund;

14           (2) [~~34.2~~] \_\_\_\_\_ per cent of the revenues collected under  
15 this chapter shall be deposited into the tourism  
16 special fund established under section 201B-11 for  
17 tourism promotion and visitor industry research;

1 provided that beginning on July 1, 2002, of the first  
2 \$1,000,000 in revenues deposited:

3 (A) Ninety per cent shall be deposited into the state  
4 parks special fund established in section  
5 184-3.4; and

6 (B) Ten per cent shall be deposited into the special  
7 land and development fund established in section  
8 171-19 for the Hawaii statewide trail and access  
9 program;

10 provided that of the [~~34.2~~] \_\_\_\_\_ per cent, 0.5 per  
11 cent shall be transferred to a sub-account in the  
12 tourism special fund to provide funding for a safety  
13 and security budget, in accordance with the Hawaii  
14 tourism strategic plan 2005-2015; provided further  
15 that of the revenues remaining in the tourism special  
16 fund after revenues have been deposited as provided in  
17 this paragraph and except for any sum authorized by  
18 the legislature for expenditure from revenues subject  
19 to this paragraph, beginning July 1, 2007, funds shall  
20 be deposited into the tourism emergency trust fund,  
21 established in section 201B-10, in a manner sufficient

1 to maintain a fund balance of \$5,000,000 in the  
2 tourism emergency trust fund; and  
3 (3) 44.8 per cent of the revenues collected under this  
4 chapter shall be transferred as follows: Kauai county  
5 shall receive 14.5 per cent, Hawaii county shall  
6 receive 18.6 per cent, city and county of Honolulu  
7 shall receive 44.1 per cent, and Maui county shall  
8 receive 22.8 per cent.

9 All transient accommodations taxes shall be paid into the  
10 state treasury each month within ten days after collection and  
11 shall be kept by the state director of finance in special  
12 accounts for distribution as provided in this subsection."

13 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
14 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

**Report Title:**

Tourism Special Fund; Transient Accommodations Tax

**Description:**

Removes the per cent of transient accommodations tax that is deposited into the tourism special fund from 34.2 per cent to a blank per cent. (SD1)