
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TOURISM.

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

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to require an
2 additional distribution of transient accommodations tax revenues
3 to the tourism special fund in fiscal year 2009-2010 and fiscal
4 year 2010-2011. The additional distribution is to come from the
5 portion of the transient accommodations tax revenues that is
6 normally deposited into the general fund.

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

9 "(b) Revenues collected under this chapter shall be
10 distributed as follows [~~with the excess revenues to be~~
11 ~~deposited into the general fund~~]:

12 (1) 17.3 per cent of the revenues collected under this
13 chapter shall be deposited into the convention center
14 enterprise special fund established under section
15 201B-8; provided that [~~beginning January 1, 2002,~~] if
16 the amount of the revenue collected under this
17 paragraph exceeds \$33,000,000 in any calendar year,



1 revenues collected in excess of \$33,000,000 shall be
2 deposited into the general fund;

3 (2) 34.2 per cent of the revenues collected under this
4 chapter shall be deposited into the tourism special
5 fund established under section 201B-11 for tourism
6 promotion and visitor industry research; provided that
7 [~~beginning on July 1, 2002,~~] of the first \$1,000,000
8 in revenues deposited:

9 (A) Ninety per cent shall be deposited into the state
10 parks special fund established in section
11 184-3.4; and

12 (B) Ten per cent shall be deposited into the special
13 land and development fund established in section
14 171-19 for the Hawaii statewide trail and access
15 program;

16 provided that of the 34.2 per cent, 0.5 per cent shall
17 be transferred to a sub-account in the tourism special
18 fund to provide funding for a safety and security
19 budget, in accordance with the Hawaii tourism
20 strategic plan 2005-2015; provided further that of the
21 revenues remaining in the tourism special fund after
22 revenues have been deposited as provided in this



1 paragraph and except for any sum authorized by the
2 legislature for expenditure from revenues subject to
3 this paragraph, beginning July 1, 2007, funds shall be
4 deposited into the tourism emergency trust fund,
5 established in section 201B-10, in a manner sufficient
6 to maintain a fund balance of \$5,000,000 in the
7 tourism emergency trust fund; [~~and~~]

8 (3) 44.8 per cent of the revenues collected under this
9 chapter shall be transferred as follows: Kauai county
10 shall receive 14.5 per cent, Hawaii county shall
11 receive 18.6 per cent, city and county of Honolulu
12 shall receive 44.1 per cent, and Maui county shall
13 receive 22.8 per cent [~~-~~]; and

14 (4) The remaining revenues shall be deposited as follows:

15 (A) For each of fiscal year 2009-2010 and fiscal year
16 2010-2011 only, \$10,000,000 or all remaining
17 revenues, whichever amount is less, shall be
18 deposited into the tourism special fund. If
19 there are any remaining revenues after this
20 deposit, the remaining revenues shall be
21 deposited in the general fund; and



1 (B) Beginning in fiscal year 2011-2012 and for each
2 fiscal year thereafter, all remaining revenues
3 shall be deposited into the general fund.

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

8 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
9 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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Report Title:

Tourism Special Fund; Additional TAT Revenue Distribution

Description:

Requires, for fiscal year 2009-2010 and fiscal year 2010-2011 only, an additional distribution of not more than \$10,000,000 in transient accommodations tax revenues to the tourism special fund.

