
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO NATURAL RESOURCES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hana, Maui is a
2 frequent destination of tourists. The trip to Hana from Kahului
3 along the famed Hana Highway, is known for its winding curves
4 and breathtaking views. The road stretches fifty-two miles
5 between the two towns and boasts more than fifty bridges, six
6 hundred curves, and pristine beaches along one of the most
7 dramatic coastlines in the State. The legislature further finds
8 that beautification projects for Hana promote tourism to Maui
9 and the rest of the State by maintaining a destination sought
10 after by visitors.

11 The purpose of this Act is to provide funds from the
12 tourism special fund to enable East Maui to eliminate invasive
13 species, restore instream flows, and provide resources for
14 additional conservation personnel.

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



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

4 (1) 17.3 per cent of the revenues collected under this
5 chapter shall be deposited into the convention center
6 enterprise special fund established under section
7 201B-8; provided that beginning January 1, 2002, if
8 the amount of the revenue collected under this
9 paragraph exceeds \$33,000,000 in any calendar year,
10 revenues collected in excess of \$33,000,000 shall be
11 deposited into the general fund;

12 (2) 34.2 per cent of the revenues collected under this
13 chapter shall be deposited into the tourism special
14 fund established under section 201B-11 for tourism
15 promotion and visitor industry research; provided that
16 beginning on July 1, 2002, of the first [~~\$1,000,000~~]
17 \$1,500,000 in revenues deposited:

18 (A) [~~Ninety per cent~~] \$900,000 shall be deposited
19 into the state parks special fund established in
20 section 184-3.4; [~~and~~]

21 (B) [~~Ten per cent~~] \$100,000 shall be deposited into
22 the special land and development fund established



1 in section 171-19 for the Hawaii statewide trail
2 and access program; and

3 (C) \$ _____ shall be transferred to and expended by
4 the department of land and natural resources;
5 provided that the moneys shall only be used on
6 east Maui projects for:

7 (i) Elimination of invasive species;

8 (ii) Restoration of instream flows; and

9 (iii) Additional department of land and natural
10 resources division of conservation and
11 resources enforcement positions;

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



1 established in section 201B-10, in a manner sufficient
2 to maintain a fund balance of \$5,000,000 in the
3 tourism emergency trust fund; and

4 (3) 44.8 per cent of the revenues collected under this
5 chapter shall be transferred as follows: Kauai county
6 shall receive 14.5 per cent, Hawaii county shall
7 receive 18.6 per cent, city and county of Honolulu
8 shall receive 44.1 per cent, and Maui county shall
9 receive 22.8 per cent.

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

14 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
15 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

16 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2009.
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Report Title:

Tourism Special Fund; Natural Resources

Description:

Transfers funds from the tourism special fund for conservation and restoration projects in east Maui.

