
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 201B-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:
- 3 "(b) The authority shall be responsible for:
- 4 (1) Promoting, marketing, and developing the tourism
5 industry in the [~~State,~~] state;
- 6 (2) Arranging for the conduct of research through
7 contractual services with the University of Hawaii or
8 any agency or other qualified persons concerning
9 social, economic, and environmental aspects of tourism
10 development in the [~~State,~~] state; provided that,
11 where public disclosure of information gathered by the
12 authority may place businesses at a competitive
13 disadvantage and impair or frustrate the authority's
14 ability to obtain information for a legitimate
15 government function, the authority may withhold from
16 public disclosure competitively sensitive information,
17 including:
- 18 (A) Completed survey and questionnaire forms;



- 1 (B) Coding sheets; and
- 2 (C) Database records of the information;
- 3 (3) Providing technical or other assistance to agencies
- 4 and private industry upon request;
- 5 (4) Creating a vision and developing a long-range
- 6 strategic plan for tourism in Hawaii; and
- 7 (5) Reviewing annually the expenditure of public funds by
- 8 any visitor industry organization with which the
- 9 authority contracts to perform tourism promotion,
- 10 marketing, and development and making recommendations
- 11 necessary to ensure the effective use of the funds for
- 12 the development of tourism. The authority shall also
- 13 prepare annually a report of expenditures, including
- 14 descriptions and evaluations of programs funded,
- 15 together with any recommendations the authority may
- 16 make and shall submit the report to the governor and
- 17 the legislature as part of the annual report required
- 18 under section 201B-16."

19 SECTION 2. Section 201B-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
20 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:



1 "(a) The meetings of the board shall be open to the public
2 as provided in section 92-3, except that when it is necessary
3 for the board to receive [~~information~~]:

4 (1) Information that is proprietary to a particular
5 enterprise or the disclosure of which might be harmful
6 to the business interests of the enterprise[~~7~~]; or

7 (2) Information that is necessary to protect Hawaii's
8 competitive advantage as a visitor destination;
9 provided that information relating to marketing plans
10 and strategies may be disclosed after the execution of
11 the marketing plans and strategies,

12 the board may enter into an executive meeting that is closed to
13 the public[~~-~~] in accordance with the procedures provided for
14 holding an executive meeting under part I of chapter 92."

15 SECTION 3. Section 201B-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
16 amended to read as follows:

17 "§201B-6 Tourism marketing plan; measures of
18 effectiveness. (a) The authority shall be responsible for
19 developing a tourism marketing plan that shall be updated every
20 year and includes the following:

21 (1) Statewide promotional efforts and programs;

22 (2) Targeted markets;



1 (3) Efforts to enter into brand marketing projects that
2 make effective use of cooperative advertising
3 programs;

4 (4) [~~Measures of effectiveness for~~] Program performance
5 goals and targets that can be monitored as market
6 gauges and used as attributes to evaluate the
7 authority's promotional programs; and

8 (5) Coordination of marketing plans of all destination
9 marketing organizations receiving state funding prior
10 to finalization of the authority's marketing plan.

11 (b) In accordance with subsection (a), the authority shall
12 develop measures of effectiveness to assess the overall benefits
13 and effectiveness of the marketing plan and include
14 documentation of the [~~directly attributable benefits of the plan~~
15 ~~to the following:~~

16 ~~(1) Hawaii's tourism industry;~~

17 ~~(2) Employment in Hawaii;~~

18 ~~(3) State taxes; and~~

19 ~~(4) The State's lesser known and underused destinations.]~~

20 progress of the marketing plan towards achieving the authority's
21 strategic plan goals."



1 SECTION 4. Section 201B-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3 "(a) The authority may enter into contracts and agreements
4 that include the following:

- 5 (1) Tourism promotion, marketing, and development;
- 6 (2) Market development-related research;
- 7 (3) Product development and diversification issues focused
8 on visitors;
- 9 (4) Promotion, development, and coordination of sports-
10 related activities and events;
- 11 (5) Promotion of Hawaii, through a coordinated statewide
12 effort, as a place to do business, including high
13 technology business, and as a business destination;
- 14 (6) Reduction of barriers to travel;
- 15 (7) Marketing, management, use, operation, or maintenance
16 of the convention center facility, including the
17 purchase or sale of goods or services, logo items,
18 concessions, sponsorships, and license agreements, or
19 any use of the convention center facility as a
20 commercial enterprise; provided that effective
21 January 1, 2003, and thereafter, the contract for



- 1 management of the convention center facility shall
2 include marketing for all uses of the facility;
- 3 (8) Tourism research and statistics to:
- 4 (A) Measure and analyze tourism trends;
- 5 (B) Provide information and research to assist in the
6 development and implementation of state tourism
7 policy;
- 8 (C) Provide tourism information on:
- 9 (i) Visitor arrivals, visitor characteristics,
10 and expenditures;
- 11 (ii) The number of transient accommodation units
12 available, occupancy rates, and room rates;
- 13 (iii) Airline-related data including seat capacity
14 and number of flights;
- 15 (iv) The economic, social, and physical impacts
16 of tourism on the State; and
- 17 (v) The [~~impact of ongoing~~] effects of the
18 marketing programs of the authority on
19 [~~Hawaii's tourism industry, employment in~~
20 ~~Hawaii, state taxes, and the State's lesser~~
21 ~~known and underused destinations;~~] the



1 measures of effectiveness developed pursuant
2 to section 201B-6(b); and

3 (9) Any and all other activities necessary to carry out
4 the intent of this chapter;

5 provided that [~~for any contract or agreement valued at \$25,000~~
6 ~~and over,~~] the authority shall [~~provide notice~~] periodically
7 submit a report of the contracts and agreements entered into by
8 the authority to the governor, the speaker of the house of
9 representatives, and the president of the senate [~~on the same~~
10 ~~day that such notification is given to the governor~~]."

11 SECTION 5. Act 58, Session Laws of Hawaii 2004, as amended
12 by section 50 of Act 22, Session Laws of Hawaii 2005, as amended
13 by section 1 of Act 306, Session Laws of Hawaii 2006, as amended
14 by section 12 of Act 5, Special Session Laws of Hawaii 2009, is
15 amended by amending section 14 to read as follows:

16 "SECTION 14. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
17 provided that:

18 (1) The amendments made to sections 40-1, 40-4, and 40-6,
19 Hawaii Revised Statutes, by part I of this Act shall
20 not be repealed when those sections are reenacted on
21 June 30, 2006, by section 1 of Act 137, Session Laws
22 of Hawaii 2005;



1 (2) Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 of [~~Part~~] part I shall be
2 repealed on [~~June 30, 2010,~~] June 30, 2015, and:

3 (A) Sections 201B-2 and 201B-11, Hawaii Revised
4 Statutes, shall be reenacted in the form in which
5 they read on May 5, 2004; except that the
6 amendments made by [~~Act 7,~~] Act 5, Special Session
7 Laws of Hawaii 2009, to section 201B-2, Hawaii
8 Revised Statutes, and subsection (c) of section
9 201B-11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall not be
10 repealed; and

11 (B) Sections 40-1, 40-4, and 40-6, Hawaii Revised
12 Statutes, shall be reenacted in the form in which
13 they read on June 30, 1986;

14 and

15 (3) Section 9 shall take effect on July 1, 2004."

16 SECTION 6. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
17 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

18 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.



Report Title:

Hawaii Tourism Authority; Marketing; Autonomy

Description:

Authorizes the Hawaii Tourism Authority to maintain the confidentiality of competitively sensitive information. Extends certain autonomy provisions of Act 58, SLH 2004, to June 30, 2015. Effective July 1, 2020. (SB2187 HD2)

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