
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TOURISM EMERGENCY.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 201B-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "~~§~~201B-9~~§~~ **Tourism emergency.** (a) If the board
4 determines that the occurrence of a world conflict, terrorist
5 threat, national or global economic crisis, natural disaster,
6 outbreak of disease, or other catastrophic event, regardless of
7 when or where it occurs, adversely affects Hawaii's tourism
8 industry by resulting in a substantial interruption in the
9 commerce of the State and adversely affecting the welfare of its
10 people, the board shall submit a request to the governor to
11 declare that a tourism emergency exists.

12 (b) Upon declaration by the governor that a tourism
13 emergency exists pursuant to subsection (a), the authority shall
14 develop and implement measures to respond to the tourism
15 emergency, including providing assistance to tourists during the
16 emergency; provided that any tourism emergency response measure
17 implemented pursuant to this subsection shall not include any

1 provision that would adversely affect the organized labor force
2 in tourism-related industries. With respect to a national or
3 global economic crisis only, in addition to the governor's
4 declaration of the existence of a tourism emergency, no action
5 may be taken by the authority without the governor's express
6 approval."

7 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
8 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

9 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Report Title:

Tourism Emergency; National or Global Economic Crisis

Description:

Adds a national or global economic crisis to situations considered a tourism emergency. Requires, in addition to the governor's declaration of the existence of a tourism emergency, the governor's express approval and direction before action may be taken. (SD1)