
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRANSIENT ACCOMMODATIONS TAX.

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

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to temporarily place
2 a limit on the amount of transient accommodations tax revenues
3 distributed to the counties. The limit is the lesser of the
4 following: 44.8 per cent or \$94,355,000 of the transient
5 accommodations tax revenues collected in a fiscal year. The
6 figure, \$94,355,000, represents the amount of transient
7 accommodations tax revenues distributed to the counties in
8 fiscal year 2008-2009, the last year for which actual data is
9 available to the legislature.

10 This Act takes effect on July 1, 2010, and sunsets on June
11 30, 2015.

12 SECTION 2. Section 237D-6.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
13 amended by amending subsections (b) and (c) to read as follows:

14 "(b) Revenues collected under this chapter, except for
15 revenues collected under section 237D-2(b), shall be distributed
16 as follows, with the excess revenues to be deposited into the
17 general fund:



- 1 (1) 17.3 per cent of the revenues collected under this
2 chapter shall be deposited into the convention center
3 enterprise special fund established under section
4 201B-8; provided that beginning January 1, 2002, if
5 the amount of the revenue collected under this
6 paragraph exceeds \$33,000,000 in any calendar year,
7 revenues collected in excess of \$33,000,000 shall be
8 deposited into the general fund;
- 9 (2) 34.2 per cent of the revenues collected under this
10 chapter shall be deposited into the tourism special
11 fund established under section 201B-11 for tourism
12 promotion and visitor industry research; provided that
13 beginning on July 1, 2002, of the first \$1,000,000 in
14 revenues deposited:
- 15 (A) Ninety per cent shall be deposited into the state
16 parks special fund established in section 184-
17 3.4; and
- 18 (B) Ten per cent shall be deposited into the special
19 land and development fund established in section
20 171-19 for the Hawaii statewide trail and access
21 program;



1 provided that of the 34.2 per cent, 0.5 per cent shall
2 be transferred to a sub-account in the tourism special
3 fund to provide funding for a safety and security
4 budget, in accordance with the Hawaii tourism
5 strategic plan 2005-2015; provided further that of the
6 revenues remaining in the tourism special fund after
7 revenues have been deposited as provided in this
8 paragraph and except for any sum authorized by the
9 legislature for expenditure from revenues subject to
10 this paragraph, beginning July 1, 2007, funds shall be
11 deposited into the tourism emergency trust fund,
12 established in section 201B-10, in a manner sufficient
13 to maintain a fund balance of \$5,000,000 in the
14 tourism emergency trust fund; and

15 (3) 44.8 per cent or \$94,355,000, whichever is less, of
16 the revenues collected under this chapter shall be
17 transferred as follows: Kauai county shall receive
18 14.5 per cent, Hawaii county shall receive 18.6 per
19 cent, city and county of Honolulu shall receive 44.1
20 per cent, and Maui county shall receive 22.8 per cent.

21 Revenues collected under section 237D-2(b) shall be
22 deposited into the general fund. All transient accommodations



1 taxes shall be paid into the state treasury each month within
2 ten days after collection and shall be kept by the state
3 director of finance in special accounts for distribution as
4 provided in this subsection.

5 (c) On or before January or July 1 of each year or after
6 the disposition of any tax appeal with respect to an assessment
7 for periods after June 30, 1990, the state director of finance
8 shall compute and pay the amount due as provided in this
9 subsection and subsection (b) to the director of finance of each
10 county to become a general realization of the county expendable
11 as such, except as otherwise provided by law.

12 Until June 30, 2015, the state director of finance shall
13 compute the amount due to the counties by January 1 of each
14 fiscal year on the assumption that the counties' share of the
15 transient accommodations tax revenues for that fiscal year shall
16 be \$94,355,000. As to the amount due to the counties before the
17 following July 1, the state director of finance shall pay the
18 same amount; except that, if based on the actual transient
19 accommodations tax revenues derived during the fiscal year, the
20 counties' share for the entire fiscal year is less than
21 \$94,355,000, the state director of finance shall pay the
22 counties an appropriately adjusted amount."



1 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

2 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2010, and
3 shall be repealed on June 30, 2015; provided that section 237D-
4 6.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall be reenacted on July 1,
5 2015, in the form in which it existed on the day prior to the
6 effective date of this Act 61, Session Laws of Hawaii 2009.



Report Title:

Transient Accommodations Tax; Limitation on Distribution to Counties

Description:

Places a limit on the amount of transient accommodations tax revenues distributed to the counties. Effective on July 1, 2010, and sunsets on June 30, 2015. (HB2598 HD1)

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