
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO COQUI FROGS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 237D-6.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

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

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

15 (2) 34.2 per cent of the revenues collected under this
16 chapter shall be deposited into the tourism special
17 fund established under section 201B-11 for tourism



1 promotion and visitor industry research; provided that
2 beginning on July 1, 2002, of the first \$1,000,000 in
3 revenues deposited:

4 (A) Ninety per cent shall be deposited into the state
5 parks special fund established in section 184-
6 3.4; and

7 (B) Ten per cent shall be deposited into the special
8 land and development fund established in section
9 171-19 for the Hawaii statewide trail and access
10 program;

11 provided that of the 34.2 per cent, 0.5 per cent shall
12 be transferred to a sub-account in the tourism special
13 fund to provide funding for a safety and security
14 budget, in accordance with the Hawaii tourism
15 strategic plan 2005-2015; provided further that of the
16 revenues remaining in the tourism special fund after
17 revenues have been deposited as provided in this
18 paragraph and except for any sum authorized by the
19 legislature for expenditure from revenues subject to
20 this paragraph, beginning July 1, 2007, funds shall be
21 deposited into the tourism emergency trust fund,
22 established in section 201B-10, in a manner sufficient



1 to maintain a fund balance of \$5,000,000 in the
2 tourism emergency trust fund; and

3 (3) 44.8 per cent of the revenues collected under this
4 chapter shall be transferred as follows:

5 (A) Kauai county shall receive 14.5 per cent~~[7]~~i

6 (B) Hawaii county shall receive 18.6 per cent~~[7]~~
7 cityi;

8 (C) City and county of Honolulu shall receive 44.1
9 per cent~~[7]~~i and

10 (D) Maui county shall receive 22.8 per cent~~[7]~~i;

11 provided that each county may elect to use a portion
12 of its share of the revenues to eradicate coqui frogs,
13 in accordance with Act _____, Session Laws of Hawaii
14 2010.

15 Revenues collected under section 237D-2(b) shall be
16 deposited into the general fund. All transient accommodations
17 taxes shall be paid into the state treasury each month within
18 ten days after collection and shall be kept by the state
19 director of finance in special accounts for distribution as
20 provided in this subsection."

21 SECTION 2. Each county that elects to use a portion of its
22 share of the transient accommodations tax for coqui frog



1 eradication, as authorized under section 237D-6.5, Hawaii
2 Revised Statutes, shall, by ordinance, determine the amount of
3 that portion and exercise its authority to use such portion for
4 coqui frog eradication; provided that:

5 (1) No ordinance shall be adopted until the county has
6 conducted a public hearing on the proposed ordinance;
7 and

8 (2) The ordinance shall be adopted prior to December 31,
9 2010.

10 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
11 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

12 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020;
13 provided that:

14 (1) If none of the counties adopt an ordinance to use a
15 portion of its share of the transient accommodations
16 tax to eradicate coqui frogs by December 31, 2010,
17 this Act shall be repealed and section 237D-6.5,
18 Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall be reenacted in the
19 form in which it read on the day prior to the
20 effective date of this Act;

21 (2) If a county does not adopt an ordinance to use a
22 portion of its share of the transient accommodations



1 tax to eradicate coqui frogs by December 31, 2010, the
2 county shall be prohibited from subsequently adopting
3 an ordinance pursuant to this Act, unless otherwise
4 authorized by the legislature through a separate
5 legislative act; and

6 (3) If an ordinance to use a portion of the county's share
7 of the transient accommodations tax for the
8 eradication of coqui frogs is adopted by a county by
9 December 31, 2010:

10 (A) The ordinance shall be repealed on December 31,
11 2012;

12 (B) This Act shall be repealed on December 31, 2012;
13 and

14 (C) Section 237D-6.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall
15 be reenacted in the form in which it read on the
16 day prior to the effective date of this Act.



Report Title:

Coqui Frog Eradication; Transient Accommodations Tax

Description:

Authorizes the counties to use a portion of their share of the transient accommodations tax for coqui frog eradication. Requires each county to adopt an ordinance to exercise the authority granted by this measure. Effective July 1, 2020. (SB696 HD1)

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