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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII  
TO PRESERVE THE COUNTIES' SHARE OF THE TRANSIENT  
ACCOMMODATIONS TAX.

1           WHEREAS, the transient accommodations tax is a tax levied  
2 by the State on the proceeds derived from furnishing transient  
3 accommodations; and  
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5           WHEREAS, during the Regular Session of 1990, the  
6 Legislature enacted Act 185 which gave the counties a share of  
7 the transient accommodations tax; and  
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9           WHEREAS, according to Conference Committee Report 207, the  
10 purpose of Act 185 was to provide a more equitable method of  
11 sharing state revenues with the counties, rather than continuing  
12 with the system existing at the time, whereby the counties  
13 requested financial assistance through grants-in-aid from the  
14 State; and  
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16           WHEREAS, the county share of the tax also provides more  
17 stability to county finances and enables improved budgeting and  
18 planning; and  
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20           WHEREAS, currently, 44.8 per cent of the total transient  
21 accommodations tax collected by the State is distributed to the  
22 counties; of this amount, the revenue is allocated as follows:  
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24	Kauai County	-	14.5%
25	Hawaii County	-	18.6%
26	City and County of Honolulu	-	44.1%
27	Mauai County	-	<u>22.8%</u>
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32           WHEREAS, the transient accommodations tax revenues account  
33 for a significant portion of the counties' general fund budgets;  
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1 WHEREAS, maintaining the current allocation of the  
2 transient accommodations tax would allow the counties to  
3 continue providing essential government services to visitors and  
4 residents; and

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6 WHEREAS, losing the current allocation of the transient  
7 accommodations tax would require counties to significantly raise  
8 property taxes; now, therefore,

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10 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
11 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
12 Session of 2013, that the Governor and the Legislature are urged  
13 to preserve the counties' share of the transient accommodations  
14 tax; and

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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
17 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the President of the  
18 Hawaii State Association of Counties, and the Mayors of the  
19 Counties of Kauai, Hawaii, Honolulu, and Maui.

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OFFERED BY: 

**By Request**

JAN 17 2013

