

JAN 23 2014

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE TRANSIENT ACCOMMODATIONS TAX.

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 shall be
4 distributed as follows, with the excess revenues to be deposited
5 into the general fund:
- 6 (1) \$33,000,000 shall be allocated to the convention
7 center enterprise special fund established under
8 section 201B-8;
- 9 (2) \$82,000,000 shall be allocated to the tourism special
10 fund established under section 201B-11; provided that:
- 11 (A) Beginning on July 1, 2012, and ending on June 30,
12 2015, \$2,000,000 shall be expended from the
13 tourism special fund for development and
14 implementation of initiatives to take advantage
15 of expanded visa programs and increased travel
16 opportunities for international visitors to
17 Hawaii;
- 18 (B) Of the \$82,000,000 allocated:



- 1 (i) \$1,000,000 shall be allocated for the
- 2 operation of a Hawaiian center and the
- 3 museum of Hawaiian music and dance at the
- 4 Hawaii convention center; and
- 5 (ii) 0.5 per cent of the \$82,000,000 shall be
- 6 transferred to a sub-account in the tourism
- 7 special fund to provide funding for a safety
- 8 and security budget, in accordance with the
- 9 Hawaii tourism strategic plan 2005-2015; and
- 10 (C) Of the revenues remaining in the tourism special
- 11 fund after revenues have been deposited as
- 12 provided in this paragraph and except for any sum
- 13 authorized by the legislature for expenditure
- 14 from revenues subject to this paragraph,
- 15 beginning July 1, 2007, funds shall be deposited
- 16 into the tourism emergency trust fund,
- 17 established in section 201B-10, in a manner
- 18 sufficient to maintain a fund balance of
- 19 \$5,000,000 in the tourism emergency trust fund;
- 20 (3) \$93,000,000 shall be allocated as follows: Kauai
- 21 county shall receive 14.5 per cent, Hawaii county
- 22 shall receive 18.6 per cent, city and county of



1 Honolulu shall receive 44.1 per cent, and Maui county
2 shall receive 22.8 per cent; provided that commencing
3 with fiscal year 2018-2019, a sum that represents the
4 difference between a county public employer's annual
5 required contribution for the separate trust fund
6 established under section 87A-42 and the amount of the
7 county public employer's contributions into that trust
8 fund shall be retained by the state director of
9 finance and deposited to the credit of the county
10 public employer's annual required contribution into
11 that trust fund in each fiscal year, as provided in
12 section 87A-42, if the respective county fails to
13 remit the total amount of the county's required annual
14 contributions, as required under section 87A-43; and
15 (4) Of the excess revenues deposited into the general fund
16 pursuant to this subsection, [~~\$3,000,000~~] \$10,000,000
17 shall be allocated subject to the mutual agreement of
18 the board of land and natural resources and the board
19 of directors of the Hawaii tourism authority in
20 accordance with the Hawaii tourism authority strategic
21 plan for:



- 1 (A) The protection, preservation, and enhancement of
2 natural resources important to the visitor
3 industry;
- 4 (B) Planning, construction, and repair of facilities;
5 and
- 6 (C) Operation and maintenance costs of public lands
7 connected with enhancing the visitor
8 experience[-];
- 9 provided that of the \$10,000,000, \$5,000,000 shall be
10 allocated to the division of conservation and resource
11 enforcement.

12 All transient accommodations taxes shall be paid into the
13 state treasury each month within ten days after collection and
14 shall be kept by the state director of finance in special
15 accounts for distribution as provided in this subsection.

16 As used in this subsection, "fiscal year" means the twelve-
17 month period beginning on July 1 of a calendar year and ending
18 on June 30 of the following calendar year."

19 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
20 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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Report Title:

Transient Accommodations Tax; Division of Conservation and Resource Enforcement; DLNR

Description:

Increases the amount of excess revenues allocated for certain purposes subject to the mutual agreement of the board of land and natural resources and the board of directors of the Hawaii tourism authority in accordance with the Hawaii tourism authority strategic plan to \$10,000,000. Allocates \$5,000,000 of the \$10,000,000 to the division of conservation and resource enforcement.

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