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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DISPOSITION OF TAX REVENUES.

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

1           SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to adjust the  
2 disposition of certain tax revenues by setting maximum amounts  
3 to be distributed to various non-general funds from the  
4 conveyance tax. Tax revenues remaining after distribution will  
5 stay in the general fund.

6           By establishing maximum amounts for distribution among the  
7 non-general funds, the legislature intends that this Act:

- 8           (1) Make forecasts of general fund revenues more reliable;  
9           (2) Increase legislative oversight of the agencies and  
10           programs supported by the non-general funds; and  
11           (3) Subject those agencies and programs to competition for  
12           limited public funds if the agencies or programs want  
13           more than the amount automatically distributed to  
14           their non-general funds.

15           The legislature finds that this Act promotes budgetary  
16 planning and transparency.



1           The legislature further finds that the distribution method  
2 used for the transient accommodations tax revenues, which are  
3 distributed among the convention center, Hawaii tourism  
4 authority, and counties by dollar amounts, serves as the model  
5 for this Act.

6           SECTION 2. Section 247-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
7 amended to read as follows:

8           "§247-7 Disposition of taxes. All taxes collected under  
9 this chapter shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit  
10 of the general fund of the State, to be used and expended for  
11 the purposes for which the general fund was created and exists  
12 by law; provided that of the taxes collected each fiscal year:

13           (1) Ten per cent or \$ \_\_\_\_\_, whichever is less, shall be  
14 paid into the land conservation fund established  
15 pursuant to section 173A-5;

16           (2) [~~Twenty five per cent from July 1, 2009, until June~~  
17 ~~30, 2012; thirty per cent from July 1, 2012, until~~  
18 ~~June 30, 2014; and fifty] Fifty per cent [~~in each~~  
19 ~~fiscal year thereafter] or \$ \_\_\_\_\_, whichever is  
20 less, shall be paid into the rental housing trust fund  
21 established by section 201H-202; and~~~~



- 1           (3) ~~[Twenty per cent from July 1, 2009, until June 30,~~  
2           ~~2012, and twenty five]~~ Twenty-five per cent ~~[in each~~  
3           ~~fiscal year thereafter]~~ or \$ \_\_\_\_\_, whichever is  
4           less, shall be paid into the natural area reserve fund  
5           established by section 195-9; provided that the funds  
6           paid into the natural area reserve fund shall be  
7           annually disbursed by the department of land and  
8           natural resources in the following priority:
- 9           (A) To natural area partnership and forest  
10           stewardship programs after joint consultation  
11           with the forest stewardship committee and the  
12           natural area reserves system commission;
- 13           (B) Projects undertaken in accordance with watershed  
14           management plans pursuant to section 171-58 or  
15           watershed management plans negotiated with  
16           private landowners, and management of the natural  
17           area reserves system pursuant to section 195-3;  
18           and
- 19           (C) The youth conservation corps established under  
20           chapter 193."



1 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

3 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.



**Report Title:**

Conveyance Tax; Distribution Maximums

**Description:**

Establishes maximum dollar amounts that shall be distributed among certain non-general funds from the conveyance tax.

Retains provision that the general fund receive the remainder after distribution. (HB1469 HD1)

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