
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. Section 195F-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3 "(a) There is established a special fund within the state
4 treasury known as the forest stewardship fund which shall be
5 used as follows:

6 (1) Payments shall be made by the board pursuant to
7 agreements entered into with qualified landowners to
8 further the purposes of this chapter; [~~and~~]

9 (2) Moneys collected from:

10 (A) The harvest of non-native forest products from
11 forest reserves;

12 (B) The harvest of native forest products from
13 degraded forests as defined in section 186-5.5,
14 within forest reserves;

15 (C) The sale of forest products found dead and lying
16 on the ground;

17 (D) The sale of tree seedlings from state nurseries;



1 (E) The sale of any other products or services, or
2 anything of value derived from forest reserves
3 not described above; or

4 (F) The imposition of fines or penalties for
5 violations of this chapter and chapters 183 and
6 185 or any rule adopted thereunder;

7 shall be used for: (i) replanting, managing, and
8 maintaining designated timber management areas; (ii)
9 enhancing the management of public forest reserves
10 with an emphasis on restoring degraded koa forests;
11 and (iii) developing environmental education and
12 training programs pertaining to sustainable forestry;
13 provided that the activities described in clauses (ii)
14 and (iii) may not be funded unless the activities
15 described in approved management plans pertaining to
16 clause (i) are adequately funded[-]; and

17 (3) Moneys deposited into the fund as authorized by
18 section 247-7 may also be used by the department to
19 administer the program and manage the forest reserve
20 system."



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

3 "§247-7 Disposition of taxes. All taxes collected under
4 this chapter shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit
5 of the general fund of the State, to be used and expended for
6 the purposes for which the general fund was created and exists
7 by law; provided that of the taxes collected each fiscal year:

8 (1) Ten per cent [~~or \$6,800,000, whichever is less,~~] shall
9 be paid into the land conservation fund established
10 pursuant to section 173A-5; [~~and~~]

11 (2) Fifty per cent [~~or \$38,000,000, whichever is less,~~]
12 shall be paid into the rental housing revolving fund
13 established by section 201H-202[~~-~~]; and

14 (3) Twenty-five per cent shall be paid into the natural
15 area reserve fund established by section 195-9;
16 provided that the funds paid into the natural area
17 reserve fund shall be annually disbursed by the
18 department of land and natural resources in the
19 following priority:

20 (A) To natural area partnership and forest
21 stewardship programs after joint consultation



- 1 with the forest stewardship committee and the
2 natural area reserves system commission;
3 (B) Projects undertaken in accordance with watershed
4 management plans pursuant to section 171-58 or
5 watershed management plans negotiated with
6 private landowners, and management of the natural
7 area reserves system pursuant to section 195-3;
8 and
9 (C) The Hawaii youth conservation corps established
10 under chapter 193."

11 SECTION 3. Act 84, Session Laws of Hawaii 2015, is amended
12 by repealing section 4.

13 ~~["SECTION 4. All remaining moneys deposited into the~~
14 ~~forest stewardship fund, established pursuant to section 195F-4,~~
15 ~~Hawaii Revised Statutes, in accordance with section 247-7,~~
16 ~~Hawaii Revised Statutes, as of the effective date of this Act,~~
17 ~~may continue to be used for the administration of forest~~
18 ~~stewardship programs and the management of the forest reserve~~
19 ~~system."]~~

20 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
21 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

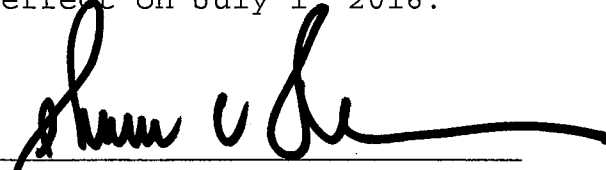
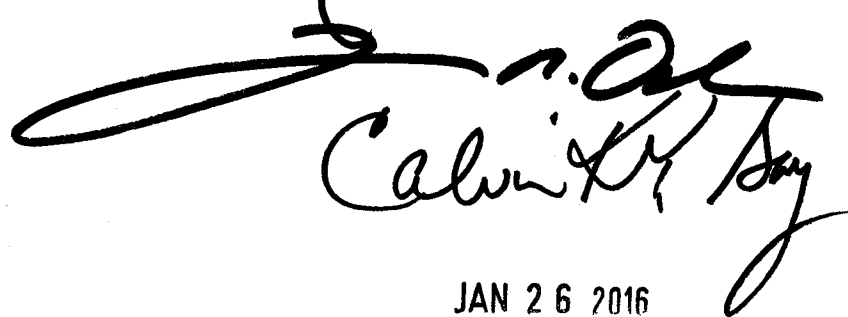


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1 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.

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Report Title:

Conveyance Tax; Distribution Maximums; Natural Area Reserve Fund

Description:

Repeals certain maximum dollar amounts that limit the distribution among certain non-general funds from the conveyance tax. Requires that twenty-five per cent of conveyance tax revenues be distributed to the natural area reserve fund.

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