

JAN 23 2015

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) \$26,500,000 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;



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



1 (3) [~~\$103,000,000 for fiscal year 2014-2015, \$103,000,000~~
2 ~~for fiscal year 2015-2016, and \$93,000,000 for each~~
3 ~~fiscal year thereafter]~~ 44.8 per cent of the revenues
4 collected under this chapter shall be allocated as
5 follows: Kauai county shall receive 14.5 per cent,
6 Hawaii county shall receive 18.6 per cent, city and
7 county of Honolulu shall receive 44.1 per cent, and
8 Maui county shall receive 22.8 per cent; provided that
9 commencing with fiscal year 2018-2019, a sum that
10 represents the difference between a county public
11 employer's annual required contribution for the
12 separate trust fund established under section 87A-42
13 and the amount of the county public employer's
14 contributions into that trust fund shall be retained
15 by the state director of finance and deposited to the
16 credit of the county public employer's annual required
17 contribution into that trust fund in each fiscal year,
18 as provided in section 87A-42, if the respective
19 county fails to remit the total amount of the county's
20 required annual contributions, as required under
21 section 87A-43;



- 1 (4) \$3,000,000 shall be allocated to the Turtle Bay
- 2 conservation easement special fund established under
- 3 section 201B-8.6 for the payment of debt service on
- 4 revenue bonds, the proceeds of which were used to
- 5 acquire the conservation easement in Turtle Bay, Oahu,
- 6 until the bonds are fully amortized; and
- 7 (5) Of the excess revenues deposited into the general fund
- 8 pursuant to this subsection, \$3,000,000 shall be
- 9 allocated subject to the mutual agreement of the board
- 10 of land and natural resources and the board of
- 11 directors of the Hawaii tourism authority in
- 12 accordance with the Hawaii tourism authority strategic
- 13 plan for:
- 14 (A) The protection, preservation, and enhancement of
- 15 natural resources important to the visitor
- 16 industry;
- 17 (B) Planning, construction, and repair of facilities;
- 18 and
- 19 (C) Operation and maintenance costs of public lands
- 20 connected with enhancing the visitor experience.



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

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

8 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
9 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

10 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:



By Request



Report Title:

Kauai County Package; Transient Accommodations Tax

Description:

Amends amount of transient accommodations tax revenues allocated to the counties from a specified sum to a percentage of the revenues collected.

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