
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND THE COUNTIES TO ISSUE TO EACH COMPLIANT SHORT-TERM RENTAL OPERATOR IN THE STATE, WRITTEN PROOF OF COMPLIANCE WITH STATE AND COUNTY TRANSIENT ACCOMMODATIONS LAWS TO FACILITATE FULL COMPLIANCE WITH THOSE LAWS BY SHORT-TERM RENTAL OPERATORS AND PLATFORMS.

1 WHEREAS, short-term rentals have significantly increased in
2 number and use within the State; and

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4 WHEREAS, the market for short-term rentals creates issues
5 that need to be addressed, ranging from taxation to public
6 safety concerns; and

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8 WHEREAS, online short-term rental platforms for short-term
9 rentals have become the most used method in the State for
10 providing short-term rentals; and

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12 WHEREAS, online short-term rental platforms have stated
13 their willingness to work with the State and counties to ensure
14 compliance with applicable laws; and

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16 WHEREAS, online short-term rental platforms have stated
17 that they seek short-term rental operators who are in full
18 compliance with state and county laws; and

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20 WHEREAS, verification of compliance with applicable laws to
21 online short-term rental businesses consists of the short-term
22 rental operator checking a box on their online registration
23 form; and

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25 WHEREAS, the ease at which short-term rental operators can
26 be dishonest about their compliance with state and county laws



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1 in their registration with online short-term rental platforms is
2 troubling; and

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4 WHEREAS, applicable state and county agencies should assist
5 online short-term rental platform's expressed intent and
6 commitment of requiring their operators to be fully compliant
7 with local laws by making it as easy as possible to supply proof
8 of compliance by the State and county; now, therefore,

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10 BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the
11 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
12 of 2017, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Taxation
13 and the counties are requested to issue to each compliant short-
14 term rental operator in the State, written proof of compliance
15 with state and county transient accommodations laws to
16 facilitate full compliance with those laws by short-term rental
17 operators and platforms; and

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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
20 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of
21 Taxation, Director of Finance of the County of Hawaii, Director
22 of the Department of Budget and Fiscal Services of the City and
23 County of Honolulu, Director of the Department of Finance of the
24 County of Maui, and the Director of Finance of the County of
25 Maui.

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