
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. The purpose of this Act is to allocate
2 \$2,000,000 from transient accommodations tax revenues to the
3 Hawaii tourism authority in conjunction with the Hawaii lodging
4 and tourism association for the implementation of initiatives to
5 address homelessness in tourist and resort areas.

6 SECTION 2. Section 237D-6.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
7 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

8 "(b) Revenues collected under this chapter shall be
9 distributed in the following priority, with the excess revenues
10 to be deposited into the general fund:

11 (1) \$1,500,000 shall be allocated to the Turtle Bay
12 conservation easement special fund beginning July 1,
13 2015, for the reimbursement to the state general fund
14 of debt service on reimbursable general obligation
15 bonds, including ongoing expenses related to the
16 issuance of the bonds, the proceeds of which were used
17 to acquire the conservation easement and other real



1 property interests in Turtle Bay, Oahu, for the
2 protection, preservation, and enhancement of natural
3 resources important to the State, until the bonds are
4 fully amortized;

5 (2) \$26,500,000 shall be allocated to the convention
6 center enterprise special fund established under
7 section 201B-8;

8 (3) \$82,000,000 shall be allocated to the tourism special
9 fund established under section 201B-11; provided that:

10 (A) Beginning on July 1, 2012, and ending on June 30,
11 2015, \$2,000,000 shall be expended from the
12 tourism special fund for development and
13 implementation of initiatives to take advantage
14 of expanded visa programs and increased travel
15 opportunities for international visitors to
16 Hawaii;

17 (B) Of the \$82,000,000 allocated:

18 (i) \$1,000,000 shall be allocated for the
19 operation of a Hawaiian center and the
20 museum of Hawaiian music and dance at the
21 Hawaii convention center; and



1 (ii) 0.5 per cent of the \$82,000,000 shall be
2 transferred to a sub-account in the tourism
3 special fund to provide funding for a safety
4 and security budget, in accordance with the
5 Hawaii tourism strategic plan 2005-2015; and

6 (C) Of the revenues remaining in the tourism special
7 fund after revenues have been deposited as
8 provided in this paragraph and except for any sum
9 authorized by the legislature for expenditure
10 from revenues subject to this paragraph,
11 beginning July 1, 2007, funds shall be deposited
12 into the tourism emergency special fund,
13 established in section 201B-10, in a manner
14 sufficient to maintain a fund balance of
15 \$5,000,000 in the tourism emergency special fund;

16 (4) \$103,000,000 for fiscal year 2014-2015, \$103,000,000
17 for fiscal year 2015-2016, \$103,000,000 for fiscal
18 year 2016-2017, and \$93,000,000 for each fiscal year
19 thereafter shall be allocated as follows: Kauai
20 county shall receive 14.5 per cent, Hawaii county
21 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 (5) \$3,000,000 shall be allocated to the special land and
16 development fund established under section 171-19;
17 provided that the allocation shall be expended in
18 accordance with the Hawaii tourism authority strategic
19 plan for:



- 1 (A) The protection, preservation, maintenance, and
- 2 enhancement of natural resources, including
- 3 beaches, important to the visitor industry;
- 4 (B) Planning, construction, and repair of facilities;
- 5 and
- 6 (C) Operation and maintenance costs of public lands,
- 7 including beaches, connected with enhancing the
- 8 visitor experience[-]; and

9 (6) Beginning on July 1, 2017, \$2,000,000 shall be
 10 allocated to the Hawaii tourism authority, working in
 11 conjunction with the Hawaii lodging and tourism
 12 association, to implement initiatives to address
 13 homelessness in tourist and resort areas. Funds for
 14 projects to address homelessness in tourist and resort
 15 areas shall be matched by private donations up to the
 16 \$2,000,000 allocation to the Hawaii tourism authority.

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



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

4 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
5 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

6 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Transient Accommodations Tax; Allocation; Counties;
Homelessness; Resorts; Tourist Areas

Description:

Allocates \$2,000,000 from transient accommodations tax revenues to the Hawaii Tourism Authority in conjunction with the Hawaii Lodging and Tourism Association for the implementation of initiatives to address homelessness in tourist and resort areas.
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