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SUBJECT: TRANSIENT ACCOMMODATIONS, Increase Funds Earmarked for Conservation

BILL NUMBER: SB 1300

INTRODUCED BY: SHIMABUKURO, S. CHANG, DELA CRUZ, ENGLISH, ESPERO, KEITH-AGARAN, KIM, RIVIERE, Kidani

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: Changes the amount earmarked from the TAT to the special land and development fund to an unspecified amount. Earmarks decrease transparency and accountability of government operations and should be avoided.

BRIEF SUMMARY: Amends HRS section 237D-6.5 to allocate \$___ million a year to the special land and development fund, which is to be expended in accordance with the Hawaii tourism authority strategic plan for: (A) protection, preservation, maintenance, and enhancement of natural resources, including beaches, important to the visitor industry; (B) planning, construction, and repair of facilities; and (C) operation and maintenance costs of public lands, including beaches, connected with enhancing the visitor experience.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2017.

STAFF COMMENTS: Act 161, SLH 2013, made permanent the TAT rate of 9.5% and changed the allocations of TAT from a percentage basis to a specific dollar amount. Currently, TAT revenues are allocated as follows: (1) \$1.5 million goes to the Turtle Bay conservation easement special fund; (2) \$26.5 million is deposited into the convention center enterprise special fund; (3) \$82 million goes to the tourism special fund; (4) \$103 million is transferred to the various counties; and (5) \$3 million is allocated to the special land and development fund. Any remaining revenues then go to the general fund.

The proposed measure would change (presumably, increase) the siphon of TAT revenues to the special land and development fund and would perpetuate the earmarking of TAT revenues. Most of us understand that conservation of natural resources is a worthy goal. But does that justify grabbing a pot of TAT money without going through the normal budgeting process that also considers sweltering primary schools, underfunded state pensions, or homelessness? And what about the needs of the counties who are also jockeying for a larger piece of the TAT pie?

Rather than the continual earmarking of TAT revenues, a direct appropriation of general funds would be preferable. Earmarking the TAT revenues for a particular purpose that not only benefits the visitors but the community at large, decreases transparency and accountability.

Next, it should be remembered that revenues diverted for a special purpose, in this case to fund conservation, will not be counted against the state's spending ceiling or debt limit and will obscure the state's true financial condition.

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Testimony of
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Chairperson

Before the Senate Committees on
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM, AND TECHNOLOGY
and
WATER AND LAND

Friday, February 10, 2017
1:50 PM

State Capitol, Conference Room 414

In consideration of
SENATE BILL 1300
RELATING TO CONSERVATION

Senate Bill 1300 proposes to increase the amount of Transient Accommodations Tax (TAT) revenue allocated to the Special Land and Development Fund of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department). **The Department appreciates the intent of this measure and is in support, provided that it does not replace or adversely impact our current \$3,000,000 allocation per Section 237D-6.5(b)(5) Hawaii Revised Statutes, to the Special Land and Development Fund.**

After several legislative sessions of review, the Legislature allocated \$3,000,000 dollars of the TAT to the Department that supports the management of state parks, beaches and other natural resource management costs associated with the user impacts of both residents and visitors. These funds are expended in accordance with the Hawaii Tourism Authority Strategic Plan. The Department is very appreciative of this funding, and more importantly, the recognition through our visitor industry of the need to reinvest in our natural and cultural capital to keep it vibrant. This funding source is critically needed to expand the Department's ability to care for Hawaii's precious resources that form the foundation of Hawaii's inspiration and draw to the world.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.



**Conservation Council
for Hawai'i**

Hawai'i's voice for wildlife

Kō Hawai'i leo no nā holoholona lōhiu



Testimony Submitted to the
Senate Committee on Economic Development, Tourism, and Technology
And Senate Committee on Water and Land
By the Conservation Council for Hawai'i
Hearing: Friday, February 10, 2017 1:50 pm
Room 414

Support for SB 1300 Relating to Conservation

Chairs Wakai and Rhoads, Vice Chairs Taniguchi and Gabbard, and Members of the Committees,

Aloha. The Conservation Council for Hawai'i supports SB 1300, which increases the amount of transient accommodations tax revenue allocated to the special land and development fund.

Any increased funding for conservation is a good thing. The environment is the primary reason we have a healthy visitor industry and economy. Protecting our natural areas, scenic sites, ocean, flora and fauna, cultural sites, etc., is a wise investment. Neglect these precious places and resources and watch how quickly the fickle visitor industry seeks other destinations for its constituents.

Please pass SB 1300 for Hawai'i's residents and visitors alike.

Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to testify.

Marjorie Ziegler

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SB1300

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President

Testifying in SUPPORT

Aloha Senate Committee on Economic development, Tourism, and Technology,

Andrea N. Brower
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Co-Vice Presidents

My name is Tiare Lawrence and I am the community organizer for the Hawaii Alliance for Progressive Action (HAPA). HAPA along with various partner organizations recently hosted the People's Congress last year. We held island forums on Kaua'i, Maui, Oahu, and Hawai'i Island and the People's Congress Hawai'i in December 2016. Over 800 people participated statewide. Environment was one of seven issue areas we focused on. We tasked participants with identifying the root causes of the systemic problems in Hawai'i as well as identify solutions to these problems. Every forum identified lack of funding for conservation efforts as a serious problem and as a solution participants were in strong support of legislation to allocate funding to the Department of Land and Natural Resources. HAPA strongly supports SB1300.

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DLNR is severely under funded. The department cannot fulfill their mission to enhance, protect, conserve and manage Hawaii's unique and limited natural, cultural and historic resources held in public trust when they receive only 1% of the entire state budget. Invasive species continue to threaten our native forests, ocean, and sustainable agriculture efforts. The beauty of Hawai'i our economic driver. Without it our tourism industry will decline.

Katie McMillan
Walter Ritte Jr.
Karen Shishido
Leslie Malu Shizue Miki
Kekaulike Prosper
Tomich

Hawaii tourist arrivals and spending reached records again last year — the fifth in a row — and it appears 2017 will be no different. A total of 8.9 million visitors came to Hawaii in 2016, topping last year's high by 3 percent, according to preliminary data released Monday by the Hawaii Tourism Authority. Visitor spending for the year rose just over 4 percent to a record \$15.6 billion. HTA currently receives \$88 million from the TAT and DLNR only receives \$3million. With tourism booming, it's time for legislators to allocate funding to DLNR so the department can continue efforts to fight against invasive species and protect our forests, state parks, and ocean resources. HAPA believes this bill will support conservation efforts for future generations.

We humbly ask that you pass this bill out of your committee.

Mahalo Nui,

Tiare Lawrence

The Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action (HAPA) is a public non-profit organization under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. HAPA's mission is to catalyze community empowerment and systemic change towards valuing 'aina (environment) and people ahead of corporate profit.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jonathan Fatu Jr	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The state is beautiful. Keep it beautiful.

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Brian Murphy	Individual	Support	No

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Erika Lechuga Disalvo	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha my name is Erika Lechuga DiSalvo. I live in Kihei Maui. I am in strong support of SB1300. The beauty of our islands it what drives our tourism industry. The department of land and natural resources is severely underfunded and collects less than 1% of the state budget. Please pass SB1300. Mahalo

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Terry Schroeder	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support increasing the funding from the Transient Accommodation Taxes (TAT). TAT should be used for departments that support maintaining our natural resources that the tourists use and come to Hawaii for. Mahalo. Terry Schroeder
Lahaina, HI

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Jolyn Rosa	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am writing to support increased DLNR funding. If the land in Hawai'i is not preserved, who will come to visit? It is a wise investment to protect and preserve our land. Aloha, Jolyn Okimoto Rosa Manoa

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Aloha mai kakou,

As a keiki of this land, I fully support SB 1300. DLNR has had limited resources (receiving less than 1% of the state budget) to successfully preserve the beauty of the islands. I strongly urge you to pass this bill, as it would allow the department to continue to do work in preservation and land management.

Mahalo nui,

Krystal Noelani Del Rosario

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Michael Nye	Individual	Support	No

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Audrey Alvarez	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha my name is Audrey Alvarez from Lahaina, Maui. I am in strong support of SB1300. The beauty of our islands is what drives our tourism industry. The department of land and natural resources is severely underfunded and collects less than 1% of the state budget. Please pass SB1300. Mahalo

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Richard DeLeon	Individual	Support	No

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Richard DeLeon	Individual	Support	No

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Dear Senators

I support SB 1300. Conservation needs to be a top priority in this miraculous state.

Sincerely,

Frances Salvato

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Ananda Stone	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Our natural resource beauty/health is essential for our local economy. The more tourism increases, the more stress on the environment. Let's be mindful and always look at the long term results of the decisions we make. Sustainability is not only about economic, it's about our people and environment too.

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Marta Barreras	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of DLNR funding.

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Barbara Barry	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Chair and Committee Members, What a splendid idea! Please support this transient tax for conservation of these sacred islands. Mahalo, Ms.Barbara Barry

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Barbara Barry	Individual	Support	No

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George Burnette	Individual	Support	No

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Roberts Leinau	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support SB1300. Bob Leinau

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Jason Graham	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Angela Huntemer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chair and Committee members, I am writing to wholeheartedly support increased funding to the DLNR, SB1300. Let's face it. Our state historically, and currently owes much of it's revenue to visitors living the Hawaiian dream. If we are to continue to receive this revenue, we must ensure that the Hawaiian dream is alive and well. The DLNR has to uphold much of the "dream" with a tiny fraction of the money that the dream brings in. It's time to set things right. Fund the DLNR so that they can protect and enhance the fragile habitats that are the source of a massive proportion of our state's revenue. Mahalo.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lauren Blickley	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please SUPPORT this bill. If passed, revenue could generate up to \$116 million for conservation and educational purposes, in addition to hundreds of job opportunities and money to combat against invasive species and the spread of Rapid 'Ohia Death. Hawaii has unique but severely threatened habitats stretching from the mountains to the sea. On Haleakala, the rate of invasive species introduction is 2,000 times the natural rate! Many of our most precious natural resources are also the ones most heavily used by the visitor industry. A number of studies have determined that visitors are willing to pay additional fees to ensure the preservation of the natural resources that they are traveling to enjoy. Surcharges on hotel rooms have been used in various places around the world as a way of raising funds for conservation. For example, in the U.S., 10% of the money raised by the state of Delaware's 8% tax on hotel rooms is earmarked (by law) to finance the state's "Beach Preservation Program." In the Florida Keys (Monroe County Florida), voters approved a Tourist Impact Tax equal to a 1% increase in the existing hotel tax, and half of this 1% tax increase must be used for acquisition of undeveloped open spaces. In 2015, Hawaii spent \$130,881,588 on natural resources departments. With climate change, the cost of natural resource conservation will only increase. This bill will help improve funding for DLNR and natural resource conservation in Hawaii.

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Arianna Feinberg	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a lifelong Maui resident, small business owner and active Democrat I strongly support SB1300. It is imperative that we invest in protecting and enhancing our natural resources. Tourists come to Hawaii to enjoy the splendors of nature. They will not return if our ocean is murky and everywhere they turn is a strip mall or condos instead of open green space. Tourists also utilize and inadvertently harm our natural resources. We need to give the DLNR adequate resources to maintain and enhance our environment. It makes sense that this funding is through our TAT as the DLNR directly and indirectly supports the tourist. Please support SB1300.

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Kyle Blickley	Individual	Support	No

Comments: If passed, revenue could generate up to \$116 million for conservation and educational purposes. This would generate hundreds of job opportunities and money to combat against invasives and the spread of Rapi 'Ohia Death.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
dennis boyd miller	Individual	Support	No

Comments: sb1300 Committee ETT/WTL Room 414 Feb 10, 2017 Dear Senators, I'm Dennis Miller, a Waikiki resident I'm writing to support this bill. Tourism will survive an increase in the TAT, and if the increase in taxes is spent on enhancing the visitor experience, via conservation efforts and upgraded physical infrastructure, such as roads and sewage systems, then the visitor experience will be spared annoyances from a damaged environment and bumpy roads, and the not infrequent sewage spill issues. Please increase the TAT and spend that on enhancing the quality of the visitor experience. Thank you, Dennis Miller

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Liz Foote	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It's been known for years how disproportionate the state's financial support for resource management and enforcement is to the need, and to the value of our resources - please pass this legislation.

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Margaret Maupin	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Maria Walker	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Senators, I am writing today to strongly urge you to support SB1300. I believe the DLNR has been sadly underfunded for many years, resulting in almost non-existent upkeep and enforcement to protect our precious state lands. I am a Kauai resident and frequent user of our state recreation areas, and I see first hand how the lack of funding negatively affects the parks. It is very wise to take this money from the transient accommodation taxes, because I assure you, I hear complaints from visitors all the time about poor facilities and upkeep in the state parks that they visit, and if our natural attractions are not appealing to visitors, we can say goodbye to them and the income the island receives from them. Please support this bill; we need to protect and malama the state lands that residents and visitors alike love and want to enjoy. Thank you for hearing my testimony. Maria Walker PO Box 33 Kapa'a, HI 96746

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Jenny Yagodich	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support SB1300.

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Alana Dandrea	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha. My name is Alana Dandrea and am born and raised from Haiku Maui. I am testifying today in support of SB1300. I strongly feel this is an important fund that will help Hawaii's conservation efforts. Please support SB1300 and keep the funding coming for Hawaii based projects and bills. We need to be supporting Hawaii, the people of Hawaii and the aina of Hawaii and not the out of state greedy businesses and corporations. Thank you for the opportunity and please support this bill. Alana D'Andrea

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Jade Moss	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, at a time when the federal government is considering eliminating the EPA, I whole-heartedly support any chance for the state to put extra care into our environment and state parks. The conservation of our islands could be at risk during this administration, please kokua. I also believe it is the kuleana of the DLNR to protect the Hawaiian way of life and its oneness with the aina. I support additional funding of the DLNR and the other aspects of this bill. Mahalo.

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Mary Ann Pahukoa	Individual	Support	No

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Tulsi Greenlee	Individual	Support	No

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Shannon Rudolph	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Support

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Nathan Yuen	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am Nathan Yuen. I am a commissioner on the Natural Area Reserves System Commission for the State of Hawaii and on the Executive Committee of the Hawaii Chapter of the Sierra Club. For the past 20 years I have been hiking to remote areas of the Hawaiian Islands to photograph the native plants and animals of our islands. I support the allocation of additional funds for conservation efforts. The breadth of responsibility covered by the Department of Land and Natural Resources is vast. Each year additional threats are discovered and the existing budget is insufficient. Combined with the increasing number of people hiking, swimming, and using our natural resources, additional funding has never been more needed. People from all over the world come to Hawaii for its natural beauty. I support allocating more funds to conserve and sustain our natural resources.

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zadoc brown	Individual	Support	No

Comments: please vote to increase funding, DLNR does so much to keep our islands beautiful and safe

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laurn rego	Individual	Support	No

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Valerie Toro	Individual	Support	No

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John Gelert	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support funding for the DLNR to protect our environment. I am especially impressed with Ahih-Kina'u Natural Area Reserve DLNR Ranger Jeff Bagshaw's efforts to ban chemical sunscreens that are killing our reefs.

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Susan Vickery	Individual	Support	No

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kai nishiki	Individual	Support	No

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Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Support	No

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Aloha my name is Claire Rossi de Leon. I am from Manoa! I am in strong support of SB1300. The beauty of our islands is what drives our tourism industry. The department of land and natural resources is severely underfunded and collects less than 1% of the state budget. Please pass SB1300.

Mahalo,

Claire Rossi De Leon

Claire Rossi de Leon

Yale University, Class of 2019

Aloha my name is Healoha Carmichael and I am writing in support of SB1300. I feel deeply that DLNR needs a lot more funding in order to carry on their duties. Every time we call on an issue they are supposed to handle they give us I'm sorry we are low staffed or don't have enough funding to come out and deal with the situation. We are currently in a long battle with A&B and EMI over water diversions. If DLNR had the proper funding they could be properly be monitoring in stream flow standards. With more funding they can really do what they are supposed to protect our natural resources. I come from an area plentiful with natural resources that are being raped. Their title is to protect and due to this lack of funding they cannot fulfill their duties. I ask that you please support this bill so we have the proper funding to keep Hawaii beautiful.

Sent from my iPhone

Aloha,

I am in very strong support of SB 1300 and funding DLNR with sufficient levels of funding. This bill will allow DLNR to function effectively by providing it with necessary funding to address the many issues it faces. Without the necessary funding, DLNR will not have the capacity to do its work. It is imperative for the legislature to support this very important state agency through SB 1300.

Therefore, please support SB 1300.

Mahalo,

Kau'i Pratt-Aquino, Esq.

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