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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM, AND
TECHNOLOGY; WATER AND LAND; AND PUBLIC SAFETY,
INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS
ON
SENATE BILL NO. 703

February 10, 2017
1:40 p.m.
Room 414

RELATING TO VISITOR IMPACTS

Senate Bill No. 703 requires that 15% of the Hawaii Tourism Authority (HTA) budget be transferred to the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) and the counties if the number of visitor arrivals in the State exceeds 9.0 million, or if the number of visitor arrivals in any county exceeds 6.0 million. In addition, an additional 5% of HTA's budget multiplied by the greater of the following will apply: 1) the number of increments of 500,000 visitor arrivals in excess of 9.0 million in the State; or 2) the number of increments of 125,000 visitor arrivals in excess of 6.0 million visitor arrivals in any county. The measure caps the amount transferred out of HTA's budget at 45%.

The Department of Budget and Finance has serious concerns with this measure that will automatically require the HTA to transfer funds to DLNR and the counties. We strongly believe that funding should be authorized by the Legislature through appropriations after due considerations of program requirements and not automatic transfers.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM AND TECHNOLOGY
and
WATER AND LAND
and
PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

Friday, February 10, 2017

1:40 PM

State Capitol, Conference Room 414

In consideration of
SENATE BILL 703
RELATING TO VISITOR IMPACTS

Senate Bill 703 proposes to require that a percentage of the Hawaii Tourism Authority (HTA) budget be transferred to the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) and the counties if the number of visitor arrivals in the State exceeds nine million, or if the number of visitor arrivals in any county exceeds six million. **The Department supports the intent of this measure that the visitor industry needs to invest additional funds in Hawaii's natural and cultural resource capital – as these resources are frequently the backdrop to Hawaii's global marketing strategy.**

The purpose of this measure is to provide additional support from the State's tourism industry by allocating a considerable portion of HTA's budget to further protect and enhance the State's infrastructure and natural resources.

The Hawaii visitor industry, through the funded efforts of HTA via print, video and internet media, promotes the State of Hawaii worldwide in order to maintain and capture the competitive global tourism market. Recent robust visitor statistics over the past few years indicate this has been successful. As an example, at Hawaii's visitor icon, Diamond Head State Monument, visitation rose from 901,136 in 2015 to 1,025,318 in 2016 – an increase by 124,182 patrons.

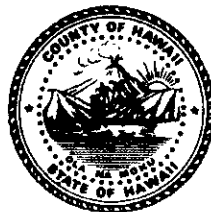
The Department has jurisdiction over 1.3 million acres of land with core responsibility to steward our extensive forests, ocean, and public recreation areas. Hawai'i's natural and cultural resources inspire Hawai'i's iconic image on the global tourism market. However, the Department is allocated less than 1 percent of the tax revenue generated in the State. Visitation at state parks, beaches, cultural sites and hiking trails, both authorized and unauthorized, is tracking the visitor increase. Departmental managers are coping with and attempting to mitigate the increasing impacts, disintegration of quality, and public safety issues associated from this heavy patronage by recreational users.

Presently, \$3,000,000 dollars of the TAT is allocated to the Department to support 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 HTA Strategic Plan. The Department is very appreciative of this funding, and its recognition through our visitor industry of the need to reinvest in our natural and cultural capital to keep it vibrant.

The Department supports Senate Bill 703, 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. Arguably – due to increasing public issues associated with the visitor industry – the continued promotion of the state vs. using a percentage of TAT to reinvest in both resource and infrastructure is a logical re-investment of revenue. However, the Department is also sensitive to the continued need for investment in promoting the State for visitation and is uncertain that using an arbitrary threshold of visitor numbers provides a rational nexus to then allocating TAT revenue to the Department and the Counties. The Department would recommend the passage of the bill to maintain the opportunity and dialogue – but is also interested in learning from HTA about impacts and determining what a reasonable percentage would be if this measure becomes law.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

Harry Kim
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Economic Development, Tourism and Technology
Senator Karl Rhoads
Water and Land
Senator Clarence Nishihara
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Dear Chairs Wakai, Rhoads, Nishihara, and Committee Members:

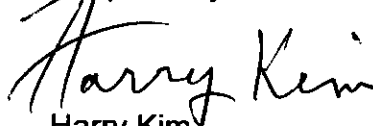
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Thank you for this opportunity to comment on SB 703.

There is no question that visitors can impact the quality of life of Hawaii residents, by straining the State's infrastructure and natural resources. We certainly also agree that the counties play an important role in protecting and enhancing Hawaii's infrastructure and natural resources, which are crucial in providing a positive visitor experience.

For those reasons and others, we feel justified in advocating at every opportunity that a greater portion of the Transit Accommodations Tax be allocated to the counties. As to the exact means for accomplishing that increase to the counties, we defer to the wisdom of this Legislature.

Respectfully submitted,


Harry Kim
Mayor



**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 Economic Development, Tourism, and Technology,
Senate Committee on Water and Land,
and Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs
By the Conservation Council for Hawai'i
Hearing: Friday, February 10, 2017 1:40 pm
Room 414

Support for SB 703 Relating to Visitor Impacts

Chair Wakai, Chair Rhoads, Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Gabbard, and
Members of the Committees,

Aloha. The Conservation Council for Hawai'i supports SB 703, which requires that a percentage of the Hawaii tourism authority budget be transferred to the department of land and natural resources and the counties if the number of visitor arrivals in the state exceeds nine million, or if the number of visitor arrivals in any county exceeds six million.

We benefit from the visitor industry in many ways. At the same time, large numbers of visitors necessarily and negatively impact our land, ocean, and natural resources.

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.

Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to testify.

Marjorie Ziegler

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Statement of
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Hawai'i Tourism Authority
on
SB703 Relating to Visitor Impacts
Senate Committees on Economic Development, Tourism, and Technology,
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The Hawai'i Tourism Authority ("HTA") offers the following **comments and concerns** regarding SB703, which would amend HTA's authorizing statute, HRS Chapter 201B, to reallocate a portion of HTA's budget to the general fund and the counties based on visitor arrivals to the State.

We all know of the effect that visitors have on our infrastructure and natural resources. Currently under Hawai'i Revised Statutes § 201B-11, at least \$1,000,000 of the Tourism Special Fund ("TSF") must be made available to "support efforts to manage, improve, and protect Hawai'i's natural environment and areas frequented by visitors." Using these funds, HTA implements a number of activities to address issues relating to management of our natural environment, primarily through the Aloha 'Āina (Natural Resources) program. Additional funding is allocated through the Kūkulu Ola, (Hawaiian Culture) program; Ma'ema'e, a guide for travel agent training; Visitor Impact Program; Community Enrichment Program (ecotourism category); Hawai'i Ecotourism Association certification program; Go Hawai'i app; Preventative Programs; Lifeguard program; and Crisis Management program. As a specific example, in the past year, through our Visitor Impact Program and a Memorandum of Understanding with the County of Kaua'i, HTA used \$65,000 in funds for the restoration and maintenance of Hā'ena Lo'i Kalo & Educational Hale, Ke 'Ahu a Laka and Maniniholo Cave. HTA also used \$160,000 in funds for the North Shore Shuttle Service on Kaua'i in an effort to reduce the effect of an increase in visitors to the North Shore. These and other efforts are intended to protect and enhance the State's infrastructure and natural resources.

We must remember, however, that visitors are not the only group who enjoy our beautiful natural surroundings and wonders or use our infrastructure. Our full and part-time residents and military members also visit all of the same parks and beaches and drive on all of the same roads.

We also must remember that the State derives substantial economic benefit from our largest industry. Last year, the visitor industry supported 191,000 jobs and brought in \$1.8 billion in tax revenue. HTA's responsibilities are to develop, coordinate and implement state policies for

tourism related activities while taking into account the economic, social and physical impacts of tourism on the State, and natural environment. HTA was created to lead the State's efforts to ensure that Hawai'i is and remains a premier visitor destination. It would not be prudent to take the funds needed for HTA to fulfill its mission, particularly as we face increased competition from other destinations around the world. If we reduce our focus on attracting visitors and improving visitor spending, we will undermine Hawai'i's position in the market.

There are more appropriate sources of funding for the protection of our natural resources and management of our infrastructure. For example, in addition to the \$1,000,000 already earmarked from the TSF for the Aloha 'Āina program, \$3,000,000 is allocated under HRS § 237D-6.5 to the special land and development fund to be used in accord with HTA's strategic plan for the "protection, preservation, maintenance, and enhancement of natural resources, including beaches, important to the visitor industry" and other efforts. With respect to infrastructure, the counties currently receive \$103,000,000 in TAT revenue. A bill under consideration this session would fix that amount at \$103,000,000.

HTA looks forward to working with all State and county departments and agencies to manage the impact of visitor arrivals. Our 'āina is important to all of us, visitors and residents alike, and we will work to ensure that it is respected and managed for Hawai'i's future.

Mahalo for the opportunity to offer these comments and concerns.

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Submitted on: 2/9/2017

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jenny Yagodich	Malama Pupukeya-Waimea	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jenny Prior	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Record numbers of visitors are putting a strain on infrastructure, beaches, parks, and trails, and testing the patience of many residents. Nearly nine million visitors came to Hawaii last year, up from seven million only six years earlier. Meanwhile, the department responsible for managing our state parks and natural resources is critically underfunded. The Department of Land and Natural Resources survives on a budget of \$129 million and manages forests, watersheds, near shore waters, small boat harbors, endangered species, parks, and many other valuable state resources. I support transfer of a percentage of HTA's budget to DLNR to support our parks, trails and natural resources whenever the number of statewide visitor arrivals exceeds 9 million, or when Oahu receives 6 million visitors in a year. In this way, HTA will be invested in helping manage visitor impacts and supporting our natural resources.

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Barbara L. George	Individual	Support	No

Comments: SUPPORT! This need is especially apparent on the North Shore, where the infrastructure is limited to start with.

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Michele Nihipali	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Committee Members: Many tourists to Hawaii are coming to enjoy the natural beauty of our Island's trails and parks. It only is common sense that a percentage of HTA monies should be used by DNLR to maintain and upgrade these public resources for both tourists and residents. Please support and pass this bill. Today's visitors are looking for more than the Waikiki experience and our natural resources need the additional upkeep that this bill will provide. Thank you for your consideration in this matter, Michele Nihipali 54-074 A Kam Hwy. Hauula, HI 96717

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Joe Wilson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I write in full SUPPORT of SB703 to transfer a percentage of HTA's budget to DLNR to support our parks, trails and natural resources whenever the number of statewide visitor arrivals exceeds 9 million, or when Oahu receives 6 million visitors in a year. In this way, HTA will be invested in helping manage visitor impacts and supporting our natural resources. Thanks for your efforts to support our valuable and under-resourced Department of Land and Natural Resources.

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Kevin Kelly	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This bill is a good first step towards placing some of the financial burden of maintaining our forests and parks on tourism which has, in recent years, significantly increased its impacts on these resources. Beaches are crowded, trails have been over run, and its often difficult to get camping permits. In the end, this bill will benefit tourists and residents alike.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cory Harden	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha legislators, Not protecting our natural resources, which draw tourists, is like cutting the legs off the chair we're sitting in. mahalo, Cory Harden, Hilo

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Teresa Parsons	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Esteemed Chairs, Vice Chairs, and committee members, Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of SB 703. Clearly, Hawaii is not suffering from lack of tourists. Quite the opposite is true. What is lacking are funds to support the infrastructure to ensure a high quality visitor experience. HTA no longer requires a huge budget to entice people to visit. They are opaque in their reporting of how they use taxpayer funds, so it is time to move funds to the Department charged with maintaining Hawaii's resources. As a person who volunteers 4-12 hours/per week with organizations to conduct clean-up efforts on beaches, roadways, parks, and lookouts. The ability of DLNR (and the State agencies) to maintain our beaches and parks are vastly underfunded and have inadequate numbers of personnel working in the field. It is time for a change. I urge you to support this measure and move it forward. This action will benefit visitors and residents alike. Please support SB 703. Mahalo for attending to the needs of our communities.

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Linda Legrande	Individual	Support	No

Comments: With the increasing number of visitors/tourists to our Islands every year, our natural resources need additional protections. This SB703 measure would provide much needed sums of money for the purpose of natural resource protection. Please support it !!!!

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Kevin Chang	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Committee memmbers, It is about time. Please consider lowering the threshold and increasing the percentage. Mahalo for this opportunity to testify. Kevin

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sally kaye	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Using visitor resources to preserve the State's unique and threatened natural resources is long overdue. However, a nine-to-one visitor-to-resident trigger is too high. The DLNR appropriation should apply each year that visitors exceed 2009 numbers.

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michele matsuo	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: I am a member of the Democratic Party of Hawaii's Environmental Caucus and I strongly support of the DLNR portion of this measure. The Department of Land and Natural Resources is terribly underfunded. We task the DLNR to care for our heritage places and our endangered species, and for a long time funding has been short for this mission. This is a good use of some of our tourism dollars, to offset the negative impacts of heavy tourist use, and to ensure that tourists and residents alike can enjoy our Hawaii.

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Teresa Parsons	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Esteemed Committee members, I stand in STRONG SUPPORT of SB 703, which moves appropriations from HTA to DLNR. The tourism industry is showing record numbers each month, but this will not continue if the reasons tourists visit the islands is destroyed. DLNR needs more resources to support, sustain, and enforce protections of our natural resources. Trails are trashed and poorly maintained, beaches are littered with refuse which cannot be removed with the efforts of only volunteer groups, and scenic overlooks are being overrun by those who visit the islands. It is imperative we preserve the QUALITY of the visitor experience, not just the QUANTITY of visitors. HTA accountability for expenditure of millions in taxpayer dollars is sketchy at best. Focus on protection of Hawai'i's fragile ecosystem NOW. I urge you to support SB 703 and move it forward through committees to protect our environment. If we don't, there won't be a future for the next generation. Mahalo for allowing me to submit testimony on behalf of this bill.

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Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Support	No

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Benton	Individual	Support	No

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Robin Kaye	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Visitors come to Hawaii mostly for its natural beauty; the ocean, our forests, the mountains, and the beaches. It is only fair that some of those visitor dollars be directed towards the State department charged with the protection of those resources.

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I support SB 703.

It is in the long-term best interests of both our visitor industry, and our local residents, to help DLNR to preserve and maintain the beauty of our unique natural environment, which attracts so many of our visitors.

In contrast, a short-term mentality would be to continue to spend 100% of our tourism promotion dollars on bringing more and more tourists to Hawaii, while ignoring the impacts that six million or more tourists per year have on Oahu's still-beautiful natural areas, like our North Shore, and our mountain trails, and our waters off Waikiki. That kind of short-term thinking can (over the long run) lead to "killing the goose that is laying the golden eggs."

It is great for Hawaii economically to have more than six million tourists come to Oahu each year. But once that threshold is crossed, then it makes good long-term common sense to spend at least some portion of our tourism promotion dollars to help repair the damage and impact on our beautiful natural environment that more than six million tourists per year are causing. Otherwise, in the long run, we truly do risk "killing the goose [tourism] that is laying the golden eggs."

I urge you to please support and advance SB 703.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Ken Martyn

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Tulsi Greenlee	Individual	Support	No

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Flora Obayashi	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: With the degrading impacts of a large volume of human impacts, it is now time to call "kapu" and allow our natural resources to regenerate, or we will all face a future with no water, limited food, and CO2 levels that are unsustainable.

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