
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRANSIENT ACCOMMODATIONS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. (a) Notwithstanding any provision of section
2 237D-6.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to the contrary, a county
3 shall be eligible to receive \$1,000,000 from the State for the
4 purpose of enforcing all applicable laws and ordinances relating
5 to transient accommodations and short-term vacation rentals;
6 provided that no funds shall be released to a county until it
7 has satisfactorily complied with the following conditions:

8 (1) Established a real property tax rate that applies only
9 to:

10 (A) Transient accommodations; or

11 (B) Short-term vacation rentals occupied for a period

12 of one hundred eighty consecutive days or less;

13 (2) Developed a process to expediently issue special use

14 permits to, and collect all applicable taxes from,

15 qualifying properties that are proposed for use as:

16 (A) Transient accommodations; or



- 1 (B) Short-term vacation rentals occupied for a period
2 of one hundred eighty consecutive days or less;
- 3 (3) Established a registry to track compliance by, and any
4 complaints concerning, permittees who receive special
5 use permits pursuant to paragraph (2);
- 6 (4) Established an expedited process for addressing
7 alleged violations of zoning and special use permit
8 laws and ordinances by operators of:
- 9 (A) Transient accommodations; or
- 10 (B) Short-term vacation rentals occupied for a period
11 of one hundred eighty consecutive days or less;
- 12 (5) Established an expedited process for addressing an
13 appeal filed by a party that was denied a special use
14 permit pursuant to paragraph (2); provided that a
15 county that has not established an expedited process
16 by December 31, 2019, shall establish a process that
17 is functionally equivalent to the contested case
18 hearing process described in section 91-9, Hawaii
19 Revised Statutes;
- 20 (6) Enacted legislation that implements the conditions
21 described in paragraphs (1) through (5); and



1 (7) Notified the governor in writing that it has complied
2 with the conditions described in paragraphs (1)
3 through (6).

4 (b) Within ten days of receiving written notification from
5 the mayor of a county that it has complied with the conditions
6 described in subsection (a)(1) through (a)(6), the governor
7 shall instruct the director of finance to review whether the
8 county's compliance with the required conditions is
9 satisfactory. If the director's review indicates that the
10 county's compliance is satisfactory, the director of finance
11 shall release to the county the funds authorized in section 2 of
12 this Act; provided that the funds have not lapsed. If the
13 director's review indicates that the county's compliance with
14 the required conditions is not satisfactory, the director shall
15 communicate to the mayor of the county the results of the review
16 and shall specify the actions that the county must take to
17 achieve satisfactory compliance with the required conditions.
18 The release of funds to a county under this Act shall not be
19 contingent upon another county having complied with the
20 conditions described in subsection (a)(1) through (a)(6).



1 (c) As used in this section, "transient accommodations"
2 has the same meaning as in section 237D-1, Hawaii Revised
3 Statutes.

4 SECTION 2. There is allocated out of the revenues
5 collected under chapter 237D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, prior to
6 any distribution to the counties under section 237D-6.5, Hawaii
7 Revised Statutes, the sum of \$4,000,000 or so much thereof as
8 may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 for the city and
9 county of Honolulu and the counties of Maui, Hawaii, and Kauai
10 to enforce all applicable laws and ordinances relating to
11 transient accommodations and short-term vacation rentals as
12 established in this Act; provided that no respective county
13 shall receive more than \$1,000,000 from this allocation.

14 The sum allocated shall be expended by the respective
15 counties for the purposes of this Act.

16 SECTION 3. Each county receiving an appropriation for the
17 enforcement of all applicable laws and ordinances relating to
18 transient accommodations and short-term vacation rentals as
19 established in this Act shall submit an interim report to the
20 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
21 the regular session of 2020 and a final report within twenty



1 days after the close of the 2019-2020 fiscal year. The reports
2 shall include all enforcement actions taken by the respective
3 county wherein the county expended any funds appropriated by
4 this Act.

5 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.

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Description:

Provides that a county shall be eligible to receive funds from the State for the purpose of enforcing all applicable laws and ordinances relating to transient accommodations, provided that no funds shall be released to a county until it has satisfactorily complied with specified conditions. Makes an allocation from TAT revenues. Requires reports from counties receiving funds for enforcement of transient accommodations and short-term vacation rentals ordinances.

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