A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HAWAIIAN CULTURE.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 237D-6.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is

2 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

3 "(b) Except for the revenues collected pursuant to section

4 237D-2(e), revenues collected under this chapter shall be

5 distributed in the following priority, with the excess revenues

6 to be deposited into the general fund:

\$1,500,000 shall be allocated to the Turtle Bay (1)8 conservation easement special fund beginning July 1, 2015, for the reimbursement to the state general fund 9 of debt service on reimbursable general obligation 10 bonds, including ongoing expenses related to the 11 issuance of the bonds, the proceeds of which were used 12 to acquire the conservation easement and other real 13 property interests in Turtle Bay, Oahu, for the 14 protection, preservation, and enhancement of natural 15 resources important to the State, until the bonds are 16 fully amortized; 17

1	(2)	\$16,500,000 shall be allocated to the convention
2		center enterprise special fund established under
3		section 201B-8;
4	(3)	\$79,000,000 shall be allocated to the tourism special
5		fund established under section 201B-11; provided that:
6		(A) Beginning on July 1, 2012, and ending on June 30,
7		2015, \$2,000,000 shall be expended from the
8		tourism special fund for development and
9		implementation of initiatives to take advantage
10		of expanded visa programs and increased travel
11		opportunities for international visitors to
12		Hawaii;
13	-	(B) Of the \$79,000,000 allocated:
14		(i) \$1,000,000 shall be allocated for the
15		operation of a Hawaiian center and the
16		museum of Hawaiian music and dance [at the
17		Hawaii convention center]; and
18		(ii) 0.5 per cent of the \$79,000,000 shall be
19		transferred to a sub-account in the tourism
20		special fund to provide funding for a safety

1	and security budget, in accordance with the
2	Hawaii tourism strategic plan 2005-2015; and
3	(C) Of the revenues remaining in the tourism special
4	fund after revenues have been deposited as
5	provided in this paragraph and except for any sum
6	authorized by the legislature for expenditure
7	from revenues subject to this paragraph,
8	beginning July 1, 2007, funds shall be deposited
9	into the tourism emergency special fund,
10	established in section 201B-10, in a manner
11	sufficient to maintain a fund balance of
12	\$5,000,000 in the tourism emergency special fund;
13	(4) \$103,000,000 shall be allocated as follows: Kauai
14	county shall receive 14.5 per cent, Hawaii county
15	shall receive 18.6 per cent, city and county of
16	Honolulu shall receive 44.1 per cent, and Maui county
17	shall receive 22.8 per cent; provided that commencing
18	with fiscal year 2018-2019, a sum that represents the
19	difference between a county public employer's annual
20	required contribution for the separate trust fund
21	established under section 87A-42 and the amount of the

1		Count	y public employer a conclibuciona into that trust		
2		fund	shall be retained by the state director of		
3		finar	ace and deposited to the credit of the county		
4		publi	c employer's annual required contribution into		
5		that	trust fund in each fiscal year, as provided in		
6		secti	on 87A-42, if the respective county fails to		
7		remit	the total amount of the county's required annual		
8		conti	ributions, as required under section 87A-43; and		
9	(5)	\$3,00	00,000 shall be allocated to the special land and		
10		deve:	opment fund established under section 171-19;		
11		provided that the allocation shall be expended in			
12		accordance with the Hawaii tourism authority strategic			
13		plan	for:		
14		(A)	The protection, preservation, maintenance, and		
15			enhancement of natural resources, including		
16			beaches, important to the visitor industry;		
17		(B)	Planning, construction, and repair of facilities;		
18			and		
19		(C)	Operation and maintenance costs of public lands,		
20			including beaches, connected with enhancing the		
21			visitor experience.		

- All transient accommodations taxes shall be paid into the 1
- state treasury each month within ten days after collection and 2
- shall be kept by the state director of finance in special 3
- 4 accounts for distribution as provided in this subsection.
- 5 As used in this subsection, "fiscal year" means the twelve-
- month period beginning on July 1 of a calendar year and ending 6
- 7 on June 30 of the following calendar year."
- SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed 8
- and stricken. 9

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval. 10

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INTRODUCED BY:

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Report Title:

Transient Accommodations Tax; Hawaiian Music and Dance; Hawaii Convention Center

Description:

Removes a provision designating the Hawaii convention center as the location for operation of a Hawaiian center and the museum of Hawaiian music and dance.

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