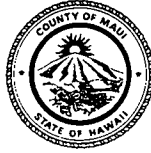


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DEPT. COMM. NO. 341

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK

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December 9, 2019

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi, President
Hawaii State Senate
State of Hawaii
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are certified copies of Resolution Nos. 19-195
and 19-196, which were adopted by the Council of the County of Maui,
State of Hawaii, on December 6, 2019.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Josiah K. Nishita".

JOSIAH K. NISHITA
County Clerk

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Enclosures

Resolution

No. 19-195

URGING THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO ESTABLISH IMPACT FEES FOR TOURISTS

WHEREAS, Hawaii is one of the most popular travel destinations in the United States and receives millions of visitors of all ages from across the world; and

WHEREAS, visitor arrivals are setting records; and

WHEREAS, according to statistics compiled by the Hawaii Tourism Authority, 9,954,548 visitors came to the Hawaiian Islands in 2018, a 5.9 percent increase from 2017; and

WHEREAS, visitor arrivals are up 5.2 percent for the first eight months of 2019, as compared to the same period in 2018; and

WHEREAS, although visitors contribute to the local economy, they can also have a serious impact on the State's physical infrastructure, natural resources, traffic, society, and culture; and

WHEREAS, Hawaii's natural environment is being damaged from serious overuse; and

WHEREAS, it is important for residents and visitors alike that Hawaii's precious natural environment is preserved and protected for future generations; and

WHEREAS, travel destinations around the world have established tourism impact fees to maintain infrastructure, fund visitor services, and protect the natural environment; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes the cost of maintaining infrastructure, providing visitor services, and preserving the natural environment should be the shared responsibility of both residents and the nearly ten million tourists who visit the Hawaiian Islands every year; now, therefore,

Resolution No. 19-195

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui:

1. That it urges the Hawaii State Legislature to enact legislation to:
 - a. establish impact fees for non-Hawaii residents;
 - b. add an impact fee to the cost of each airline ticket for non-Hawaii residents and cruise ship ticket purchased by visitors to Hawaii; and
 - c. share a pro rata portion of the proceeds generated from impact fees with the counties to supplement the county budgets of departments to address impacts by tourism, such as those dealing with parks and recreation, fire protection and rescue, ocean safety, emergency services, and law enforcement; and
2. That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable David Y. Ige, Governor, State of Hawaii; the Honorable Scott K. Saiki, Speaker of the House, State of Hawaii; the Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi, Senate President, State of Hawaii; Chris Tatum, President and Chief Executive Officer, Hawaii Tourism Authority; and the Executive Committee of the Hawaii State Association of Counties.

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COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

WAILUKU, HAWAII 96793

CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION

It is HEREBY CERTIFIED that RESOLUTION NO. 19-195 was adopted by the Council of the County of Maui, State of Hawaii, on the 6th day of December, 2019, by the following vote:

MEMBERS	Kelly T. KING Chair	Keani N. W. RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ Vice-Chair	G. Riki HOKAMA	Natalie A. KAMA	Alice L. LEE	Michael J. MOLINA	Tamara A. M. PALTIN	Shane M. SINENCI	Yuki Lei K. SUGIMURA
ROLL CALL	Aye	Aye	Excused	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	No



COUNTY CLERK

Resolution

No. 19-196

URGING THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO
REQUIRE TOUR, AIRLINE, AND CRUISE
OPERATORS TO SHOW VISITORS AN
INFORMATIONAL VIDEO ABOUT SAFE AND
SUSTAINABLE TOURISM PRIOR TO ENTERING
THE STATE

WHEREAS, Hawaii is one of the most popular travel destinations in the United States and receives millions of visitors of all ages from across the world; and

WHEREAS, many visitors are uninformed about the risks of engaging in outdoor activities, causing them to exercise poor judgment, which can lead to life-threatening situations; and

WHEREAS, on July 31, 2017, the Honolulu Civil Beat reported, “Nearly one tourist dies each week while engaged in common vacation activities like swimming, snorkeling, hiking, and going on scenic drives”; and

WHEREAS, visitors who are inexperienced or unfamiliar with Hawaii’s seasonal, deceptive, and unpredictable ocean conditions often overestimate their swimming abilities and find themselves in precarious situations; and

WHEREAS, State of Hawaii Department of Health records show the following:

- Over the past decade, the rate of drowning for visitors was 13 times the national average and 10 times the rate for residents, with snorkeling the leading activity associated with drowning;
- Visitors represented 55 percent of the 682 ocean drownings from 2008 to 2017;
- From 2009 to 2017, 81 percent of 362 spinal-cord injuries were incurred by visitors, with 142 of the injuries resulting from waves; and

Resolution No. 19-196

WHEREAS, the visitor industry has helped produce a recreational safety video, but critics have regarded it as inadequate; and

WHEREAS, a thoughtful, well-produced informational video could help visitors become more aware of the State's environment and culture, while reducing the number of accidents and fatalities, if it explained:

- the concept of the Aloha Spirit;
- the importance of preserving the environment by keeping the Islands clean and free from litter and waste;
- the importance of conserving Hawaii's precious fresh water and marine ecosystems; and
- the importance of ocean-safety practices and prevention; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui:

1. That it urges the Hawaii State Legislature to enact legislation to require tour, airline, and cruise operators to show visitors a thoughtful, well-produced informational video upon entering the State or embarking on tour activities in the State; and
2. That certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable David Y. Ige, Governor, State of Hawaii; the Honorable Scott K. Saiki, Speaker of the House, State of Hawaii; the Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi, Senate President, State of Hawaii; Chris Tatum, President and Chief Executive Officer, Hawaii Tourism Authority; and the Executive Committee of the Hawaii State Association of Counties.

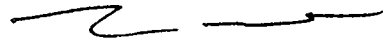
COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

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CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION

It is HEREBY CERTIFIED that RESOLUTION NO. 19-196 was adopted by the Council of the County of Maui, State of Hawaii, on the 6th day of December, 2019, by the following vote:

MEMBERS	Kelly T. KING Chair	Keani N. W. RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ Vice-Chair	G. Riki HOKAMA	Natalie A. KAMA	Alice L. LEE	Michael J. MOLINA	Tamara A. M. PALTIN	Shane M. SINENCI	Yuki Lei K. SUGIMURA
ROLL CALL	Aye	Aye	Excused	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	No



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