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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TOURISM.

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

1 PART I

2 SECTION 1. Section 237D-6.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
3 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

4 "(b) Except for the revenues collected pursuant to section  
5 237D-2(e), revenues collected under this chapter shall be  
6 distributed in the following priority, with the excess revenues  
7 to be deposited into the general fund:

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



1 resources important to the State, until the bonds are  
2 fully amortized;

3 (2) \$16,500,000 shall be allocated to the convention  
4 center enterprise special fund established under  
5 section 201B-8;

6 (3) \$79,000,000 shall be allocated to the tourism special  
7 fund established under section 201B-11; provided that:

8 (A) Beginning on July 1, 2012, and ending on June 30,  
9 2015, \$2,000,000 shall be expended from the  
10 tourism special fund for development and  
11 implementation of initiatives to take advantage  
12 of expanded visa programs and increased travel  
13 opportunities for international visitors to  
14 Hawaii;

15 (B) Of the \$79,000,000 allocated:

16 (i) \$1,000,000 shall be allocated for the  
17 operation and development of a Hawaiian  
18 center and the museum of Hawaiian music and  
19 dance; and

20 (ii) 0.5 per cent of the \$79,000,000 shall be  
21 transferred to a sub-account in the tourism



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



1 established under section 87A-42 and the amount of the  
2 county public employer's contributions into that trust  
3 fund shall be retained by the state director of  
4 finance and deposited to the credit of the county  
5 public employer's annual required contribution into  
6 that trust fund in each fiscal year, as provided in  
7 section 87A-42, if the respective county fails to  
8 remit the total amount of the county's required annual  
9 contributions, as required under section 87A-43; and  
10 (5) \$3,000,000 shall be allocated to the special land and  
11 development fund established under section 171-19;  
12 provided that the allocation shall be expended in  
13 accordance with the Hawaii tourism authority strategic  
14 plan for:  
15 (A) The protection, preservation, maintenance, and  
16 enhancement of natural resources, including  
17 beaches, important to the visitor industry;  
18 (B) Planning, construction, and repair of facilities;  
19 and



1 (C) Operation and maintenance costs of public lands,  
2 including beaches, connected with enhancing the  
3 visitor experience.

4 All transient accommodations taxes shall be paid into the  
5 state treasury each month within ten days after collection and  
6 shall be kept by the state director of finance in special  
7 accounts for distribution as provided in this subsection.

8 As used in this subsection, "fiscal year" means the twelve-  
9 month period beginning on July 1 of a calendar year and ending  
10 on June 30 of the following calendar year."

11 PART II

12 SECTION 2. Act 104, Session Laws of Hawaii 2017, is  
13 amended by amending section 4 to read as follows:

14 "SECTION 4. The commission shall cease to exist on  
15 ~~[June 30, 2021.]~~ August 31, 2022."

16 PART III

17 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
18 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

19 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



**Report Title:**

Transient Accommodations Tax; Hawaiian Center; Museum of Hawaiian Music and Dance; Festival of Pacific Arts; Temporary Commission

**Description:**

Amends the allocation of TAT for operation of a Hawaiian center and a museum of Hawaiian music and dance to also include development of the center and museum. Extends the date on which the temporary commission on the thirteenth festival of pacific arts shall cease to exist to August 31, 2022. (SD1)

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