
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Hawaii tourism
2 authority is currently exempt from certain provisions of the law
3 governing administrative supervision of boards and commissions.
4 The legislature believes that full administrative supervision of
5 the Hawaii tourism authority is necessary to increase
6 transparency of the authority.

7 The legislature acknowledges the work of the Hawaii tourism
8 authority and its efforts in perpetuating native Hawaiian
9 culture and practices. However, the various responsibilities of
10 the Hawaii tourism authority have contributed to the growing
11 concerns of residents regarding the negative impacts of over-
12 tourism. Transferring certain responsibilities, such as
13 perpetuating certain aspects of the native Hawaiian culture, of
14 the current Hawaii tourism authority to a more appropriate state
15 agency not only allows the Hawaii tourism authority to focus its
16 efforts on managing tourism and its impact on the State, but
17 also ensures that the important job of perpetuating the



1 uniqueness of the native Hawaiian culture to residents and
2 visitors alike continues under a more appropriate state agency.

3 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to:

4 (1) Repeal the exemption of the Hawaii tourism authority
5 from administrative supervision of boards and
6 commissions; and

7 (2) Transfer the function of awarding and administering
8 any cultural grants that perpetuate the uniqueness of
9 the native Hawaiian culture and community from the
10 Hawaii tourism authority to the state foundation on
11 culture and the arts.

12 SECTION 2. Section 201B-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
13 repealed.

14 [~~"§201B-5 Exemption of Hawaii tourism authority from
15 administrative supervision of boards and commissions.~~

16 Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the authority shall be
17 exempt from section 26-35 with the exception of section 26-
18 35(a)(2), (3), (7), (8) and subsection (b)."]

19 SECTION 3. All appropriations, records, equipment,
20 machines, files, supplies, contracts, books, papers, documents,
21 maps, and other personal property heretofore made, used,



1 acquired, or held by the Hawaii tourism authority relating to
2 awarding and administering cultural grants that perpetuate the
3 uniqueness of the native Hawaiian culture and community shall be
4 transferred to the state foundation on culture and the arts.

5 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
6 and stricken.

7 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.



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Report Title:

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Description:

Repeals the exemption of the Hawaii Tourism Authority from administrative supervision of boards and commissions. Transfers certain functions relating to cultural grants from the Hawaii Tourism Authority to the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

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