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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE TRANSIENT ACCOMMODATIONS TAX.

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

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

3 "(b) Revenues collected under this chapter, except for

4 revenues collected under section 237D-2(b), shall be distributed

as follows [, with the excess revenues to be deposited into the

## 6 general fund]:

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- (1) 17.3 per cent of the revenues collected under this chapter shall be deposited into the convention center enterprise special fund established under section 201B-8; provided that beginning January 1, 2002, if the amount of the revenue collected under this paragraph exceeds \$33,000,000 in any calendar year, revenues collected in excess of \$33,000,000 shall be deposited into the general fund;
  - (2) 34.2 per cent of the revenues collected under this chapter shall be deposited into the tourism special fund established under section 201B-11 for tourism promotion and visitor industry research; provided that

promotion and visitor industry research; provided that



1	beginning	on	July 1,	2002,	of	the	first	\$1,000,000	in
2	revenues	depo	osited:						

- (A) Ninety per cent shall be deposited into the state parks special fund established in section 184-3.4; and
- (B) Ten per cent shall be deposited into the special land and development fund established in section 171-19 for the Hawaii statewide trail and access program;

provided that of the 34.2 per cent, 0.5 per cent shall be transferred to a sub-account in the tourism special fund to provide funding for a safety and security budget, in accordance with the Hawaii tourism strategic plan 2005-2015; provided further that of the revenues remaining in the tourism special fund after revenues have been deposited as provided in this paragraph and except for any sum authorized by the legislature for expenditure from revenues subject to this paragraph, beginning July 1, 2007, funds shall be deposited into the tourism emergency trust fund, established in section 201B-10, in a manner sufficient

1		to maintain a fund balance of \$5,000,000 in the
2		tourism emergency trust fund; [and]
3	(3)	44.8 per cent of the revenues collected under this
4		chapter shall be transferred as follows: Kauai county
5		shall receive 14.5 per cent, Hawaii county shall
6		receive 18.6 per cent, city and county of Honolulu
7		shall receive 44.1 per cent, and Maui county shall
8		receive 22.8 per cent[-]; and
9	(4)	Of the revenues:
10		(A) Remaining after the allocations are made under
1		paragraphs (1) to (3); and
<b>12</b>		(B) Including the revenues derived under section
13		237D-2(b);
4		ninety-six per cent of the revenues shall be deposited
15		into the general fund and four per cent shall be
16		allocated to the department of business, economic
1 <b>7</b>	•	development, and tourism to be expended for the
8		department's operating budget; provided that the four
9		per cent allocation does not exceed \$12,000,000
20		annually, in which case any moneys in excess of the
21		\$12.000.000 shall be deposited into the general fund

[Revenues collected under section 237D-2(b) shall be

2 deposited into the general fund. ] All transient accommodations

3 taxes shall be paid into the state treasury each month within

4 ten days after collection and shall be kept by the state

5 director of finance in special accounts for distribution as

6 provided in this subsection."

7 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed

8 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

**10** and apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2010;

11 provided that the amendments made to section 237D-6.5, Hawaii

12 Revised Statutes, by section 1 shall not be repealed on June 30,

13 2015, when that section is repealed and reenacted in accordance

with Act 61, Session Laws of Hawaii 2009. 14

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#### Report Title:

Transient Accommodations Tax; General Fund; DBEDT

### Description:

Allocates a portion of the tax revenues from the transient accommodations tax that are deposited into the general fund to DBEDT for the department's operations.

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