A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TAXATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 237D-6.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows: 2 3 Revenues collected under this chapter shall be "(b) distributed as follows, with the excess revenues to be deposited 4 5 into the general fund: 6 (1) \$26,500,000 shall be allocated to the convention center enterprise special fund established under 7 section 201B-8; \$82,000,000 shall be allocated to the tourism special 9 (2) fund established under section 201B-11; provided that: 10 Beginning on July 1, 2012, and ending on June 30, 11 (A) 12 2015, \$2,000,000 shall be expended from the 13 tourism special fund for development and 14 implementation of initiatives to take advantage of expanded visa programs and increased travel 15 opportunities for international visitors to 16 17 Hawaii;

1	(B) Of the \$82,000,000 allocated:
2	(i) \$1,000,000 shall be allocated for the
3	operation of a Hawaiian center and the
4	museum of Hawaiian music and dance at the
5	Hawaii convention center; and
6	(ii) 0.5 per cent of the \$82,000,000 shall be
7	transferred to a sub-account in the tourism
8	special fund to provide funding for a safety
9	and security budget, in accordance with the
10	Hawaii tourism strategic plan 2005-2015; and
11	(C) Of the revenues remaining in the tourism special
12	fund after revenues have been deposited as
13	provided in this paragraph and except for any sum
14	authorized by the legislature for expenditure
15	from revenues subject to this paragraph,
16	beginning July 1, 2007, funds shall be deposited
17	into the tourism emergency trust fund,
18	established in section 201B-10, in a manner
19	sufficient to maintain a fund balance of
20	\$5,000,000 in the tourism emergency trust fund;

1	(3)	\$103,000,000 [for fiscal year 2014-2015, \$103,000,000
2		for fiscal year 2015-2016, and \$93,000,000 for each
3		fiscal year thereafter] shall be allocated as follows:
4		Kauai county shall receive 14.5 per cent, Hawaii
5		county shall receive 18.6 per cent, city and county of
6		Honolulu shall receive 44.1 per cent, and Maui county
7		shall receive 22.8 per cent; provided that commencing
8		with fiscal year 2018-2019, a sum that represents the
9		difference between a county public employer's annual
10		required contribution for the separate trust fund
11		established under section 87A-42 and the amount of the
12		county public employer's contributions into that trust
13		fund shall be retained by the state director of
14		finance and deposited to the credit of the county
15		public employer's annual required contribution into
16		that trust fund in each fiscal year, as provided in
17		section 87A-42, if the respective county fails to
18		remit the total amount of the county's required annual
19		contributions, as required under section 87A-43;
20	(4)	\$3,000,000 shall be allocated to the Turtle Bay
21		conservation easement special fund established under

1		sect	ion 201B-8.6 for the payment of debt service on	
2		revenue bonds, the proceeds of which were used to		
3		acquire the conservation easement in Turtle Bay, Oahu,		
4		unti:	l the bonds are fully amortized; and	
5	(5)	Of t	ne excess revenues deposited into the general fund	
6		purs	uant to this subsection, \$3,000,000 shall be	
7		allo	cated subject to the mutual agreement of the board	
8		of la	and and natural resources and the board of	
9		dire	ctors of the Hawaii tourism authority in	
10	•	acco:	rdance with the Hawaii tourism authority strategio	
11		plan	for:	
12		(A)	The protection, preservation, and enhancement of	
13			natural resources important to the visitor	
14			industry;	
15		(B)	Planning, construction, and repair of facilities	
16			and	
17		(C)	Operation and maintenance costs of public lands	
18			connected with enhancing the visitor experience.	
19	A11	trans	ient accommodations taxes shall be paid into the	
20	state tre	asury	each month within ten days after collection and	

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- 1 shall be kept by the state director of finance in special
- 2 accounts for distribution as provided in this subsection.
- 3 As used in this subsection, "fiscal year" means the twelve-
- 4 month period beginning on July 1 of a calendar year and ending
- 5 on June 30 of the following calendar year."
- 6 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 7 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 8 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Transient Accommodations Tax; Counties; Revenues

Description:

Makes permanent the current amount of transient accommodations tax revenues allocated for distribution to the counties.

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