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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. Section 201B-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3 "(a) Except as otherwise limited by this chapter, the
4 authority may:

5 (1) Sue and be sued;

6 (2) Have a seal and alter the same at pleasure;

7 (3) Through its president and chief executive officer,
8 make and execute contracts and all other instruments
9 necessary or convenient for the exercise of its powers
10 and functions under this chapter; provided that the
11 authority may enter into contracts and agreements for
12 a period of up to five years, subject to the
13 availability of funds; and provided further that the
14 authority may enter into agreements for the use of the
15 convention center facility for a period of up to ten
16 years;



- 1 (4) Make and alter bylaws for its organization and
2 internal management;
- 3 (5) Unless otherwise provided in this chapter, adopt rules
4 in accordance with chapter 91 with respect to its
5 projects, operations, properties, and facilities;
- 6 (6) Through its president and chief executive officer,
7 represent the authority in communications with the
8 governor and the legislature;
- 9 (7) Through its president and chief executive officer,
10 provide for the appointment of officers, agents, a
11 sports coordinator, and employees, subject to the
12 approval of the board, prescribing their duties and
13 qualifications, and fixing their salaries, [~~without~~
14 ~~regard to~~] which shall be in accordance with chapters
15 76 and 78, if there is no anticipated revenue
16 shortfall in the tourism special fund and funds have
17 been appropriated by the legislature and allotted as
18 provided by law;
- 19 (8) Through its president and chief executive officer,
20 purchase supplies, equipment, or furniture;



(9) Through its president and chief executive officer,
allocate the space or spaces that are to be occupied
by the authority and appropriate staff;

(10) Through its president and chief executive officer,
engage the services of qualified persons to implement
the State's tourism marketing plan or portions thereof
as determined by the authority;

(11) Through its president and chief executive officer,
engage the services of consultants on a contractual
basis for rendering professional and technical
assistance and advice;

(12) Procure insurance against any loss in connection with
its property and other assets and operations in
amounts and from insurers as it deems desirable;

(13) Contract for or accept revenues, compensation,
proceeds, and gifts or grants in any form from any
public agency or any other source;

(14) Develop, coordinate, and implement state policies and
directions for tourism and related activities taking
into account the economic, social, and physical



impacts of tourism on the State, Hawaii's natural
environment, and areas frequented by visitors;

(15) Have a permanent, strong focus on Hawaii brand
management;

(16) Conduct market development-related research as
necessary;

(17) Coordinate all agencies and advise the private sector
in the development of tourism-related activities and
resources;

(18) Work to eliminate or reduce barriers to travel to
provide a positive and competitive business
environment, including coordinating with the
department of transportation on issues affecting
airlines and air route development;

(19) Market and promote sports-related activities and
events;

(20) Coordinate the development of new products with the
counties and other persons in the public sector and
private sector, including the development of sports,
culture, health and wellness, education, technology,
agriculture, and nature tourism;



1 ~~[(21)] Establish a public information and educational program~~
2 ~~to inform the public of tourism and tourism-related~~
3 ~~problems;~~

4 ~~(22) Encourage the development of tourism educational,~~
5 ~~training, and career counseling programs;~~

6 ~~(23)]~~ (21) Establish a program to monitor, investigate, and
7 respond to complaints about problems resulting
8 directly or indirectly from the tourism industry and
9 taking appropriate action as necessary;

10 ~~[(24)]~~ (22) Develop and implement emergency measures to
11 respond to any adverse effects on the tourism
12 industry, pursuant to section 201B-9;

13 ~~[(25)]~~ (23) Set and collect rents, fees, charges, or other
14 payments for the lease, use, occupancy, or disposition
15 of the convention center facility without regard to
16 chapter 91;

17 ~~[(26)]~~ (24) Notwithstanding chapter 171, acquire, lease as
18 lessee or lessor, own, rent, hold, and dispose of the
19 convention center facility in the exercise of its
20 powers and the performance of its duties under this
21 chapter; and



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1 ~~[-27-]~~ (25) Acquire by purchase, lease, or otherwise, and
 2 develop, construct, operate, own, manage, repair,
 3 reconstruct, enlarge, or otherwise effectuate, either
 4 directly or through developers, a convention center
 5 facility."

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 on July 1, 2018.

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Report Title:

Hawaii Tourism Authority; Public Information and Education Program; Tourism and Tourism-Related Problems; Career Training Program; Salaries

Description:

Repeals the Hawaii tourism authority's authority to establish an information and education program to inform the public on tourism and tourism-related problems and its authority to encourage the development of tourism educational training and career counseling programs. Makes the salaries of officers, agents, a sports coordinator, and employees in accordance with chapters 76 and 78, HRS.

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