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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE LEGISLATURE TO LIFT THE CEILING ON TRANSIENT  
ACCOMMODATIONS TAX REVENUES DISTRIBUTED TO THE COUNTIES.

1           WHEREAS, transient accommodations tax revenues are  
2 collected by the State based on the gross rental receipts of  
3 lodging suppliers in the State; and  
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5           WHEREAS, revenues from the transient accommodations tax  
6 thus increase or decrease based on the cyclical nature of the  
7 visitor industry; and  
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9           WHEREAS, counties expend transient accommodations tax  
10 revenues for general government purposes that benefit visitors  
11 and residents alike, including essential services such as police  
12 and fire protection and management of public spaces like beaches  
13 and parks; and  
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15           WHEREAS, statutory provisions authorizing the transient  
16 accommodations tax and allocating its revenues have been amended  
17 frequently to meet perceived government needs and desired public  
18 purposes; and  
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20           WHEREAS, these numerous amendments have created an  
21 instability among various stakeholders, including the State, the  
22 counties, the visitor industry, the Hawaii Tourism Authority,  
23 and other recipients or potential recipients of transient  
24 accommodations tax revenues; and  
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26           WHEREAS, pursuant to section 237D-6.5(b)(4), Hawaii Revised  
27 Statutes, \$103,000,000 of revenues generated from the transient  
28 accommodations tax in the State are distributed to each of the  
29 counties as follows: 14.5 percent to Kauai County; 18.6 percent  
30 to Hawaii County; 22.8 percent to Maui County; and 44.1 percent  
31 to the City and County of Honolulu; and



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1           WHEREAS, eliminating the fixed dollar amount that caps the  
2 total transient accommodations tax revenue distributed to the  
3 counties would allow the counties to receive a proportional  
4 allocation that increases or decreases as does the actual  
5 revenue collected; and

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7           WHEREAS, eliminating this cap would create a fairer, more  
8 balanced, and reasonable compromise between competing interests  
9 for scarce resources; now, therefore,

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11           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
12 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
13 of 2021, the Senate concurring, that this body is urged to lift  
14 the ceiling on transient accommodations tax revenues distributed  
15 to the counties; and

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17           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
18 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; President  
19 of the Senate; Speaker of the House of Representatives; and  
20 Mayors of the Counties of Kauai, Hawaii, and Maui, and the City  
21 and County of Honolulu.

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OFFERED BY:



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