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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

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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  
2 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

3       "(b) Except for the revenues collected pursuant to section  
4 237D-2(e), revenues collected under this chapter shall be  
5 distributed in the following priority, with the excess revenues  
6 to be deposited into the general fund:

7       (1) \$1,500,000 shall be allocated to the Turtle Bay  
8 conservation easement special fund beginning July 1,  
9 2015, for the reimbursement to the state general fund  
10 of debt service on reimbursable general obligation  
11 bonds, including ongoing expenses related to the  
12 issuance of the bonds, the proceeds of which were used  
13 to acquire the conservation easement and other real  
14 property interests in Turtle Bay, Oahu, for the  
15 protection, preservation, and enhancement of natural  
16 resources important to the State, until the bonds are  
17 fully amortized;



1           (2)   \$16,500,000 shall be allocated to the convention  
2                   center enterprise special fund established under  
3                   section 201B-8;

4           (3)   \$79,000,000 shall be allocated to the tourism special  
5                   fund established under section 201B-11; provided that:

6           (A)   Beginning on July 1, 2012, and ending on June 30,  
7                   2015, \$2,000,000 shall be expended from the  
8                   tourism special fund for development and  
9                   implementation of initiatives to take advantage  
10                  of expanded visa programs and increased travel  
11                  opportunities for international visitors to  
12                  Hawaii;

13          (B)   Of the \$79,000,000 allocated:

14           (i)   \$1,000,000 shall be allocated for the  
15                   planning, design, construction, and  
16                   operation of a Hawaiian center and the  
17                   museum of Hawaiian music and dance[+] at  
18                   the                   ; and

19           (ii)   0.5 per cent of the \$79,000,000 shall be  
20                   transferred to a sub-account in the tourism  
21                   special fund to provide funding for a safety



1                   and security budget, in accordance with the  
2                   Hawaii tourism strategic plan 2005-2015; and  
3           (C)   Of the revenues remaining in the tourism special  
4                   fund after revenues have been deposited as  
5                   provided in this paragraph and except for any sum  
6                   authorized by the legislature for expenditure  
7                   from revenues subject to this paragraph,  
8                   beginning July 1, 2007, funds shall be deposited  
9                   into the tourism emergency special fund,  
10                  established in section 201B-10, in a manner  
11                  sufficient to maintain a fund balance of  
12                  \$5,000,000 in the tourism emergency special fund;  
13       (4)   \$103,000,000 shall be allocated as follows:   Kauai  
14                  county shall receive 14.5 per cent, Hawaii county  
15                  shall receive 18.6 per cent, city and county of  
16                  Honolulu shall receive 44.1 per cent, and Maui county  
17                  shall receive 22.8 per cent; provided that commencing  
18                  with fiscal year 2018-2019, a sum that represents the  
19                  difference between a county public employer's annual  
20                  required contribution for the separate trust fund  
21                  established under section 87A-42 and the amount of the



1 county public employer's contributions into that trust  
2 fund shall be retained by the state director of  
3 finance and deposited to the credit of the county  
4 public employer's annual required contribution into  
5 that trust fund in each fiscal year, as provided in  
6 section 87A-42, if the respective county fails to  
7 remit the total amount of the county's required annual  
8 contributions, as required under section 87A-43; and

9 (5) \$3,000,000 shall be allocated to the special land and  
10 development fund established under section 171-19;  
11 provided that the allocation shall be expended in  
12 accordance with the Hawaii tourism authority strategic  
13 plan for:

- 14 (A) The protection, preservation, maintenance, and  
15 enhancement of natural resources, including  
16 beaches, important to the visitor industry;
- 17 (B) Planning, construction, and repair of facilities;  
18 and
- 19 (C) Operation and maintenance costs of public lands,  
20 including beaches, connected with enhancing the  
21 visitor experience.



1 All transient accommodations taxes shall be paid into the  
2 state treasury each month within ten days after collection and  
3 shall be kept by the state director of finance in special  
4 accounts for distribution as provided in this subsection.

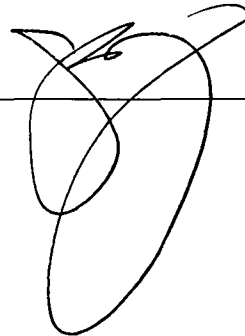
5 As used in this subsection, "fiscal year" means the twelve-  
6 month period beginning on July 1 of a calendar year and ending  
7 on June 30 of the following calendar year."

8 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
9 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

10 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2021.

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INTRODUCED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

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# S.B. NO. 916

**Report Title:**

Transient Accommodations Tax; Hawaiian Music and Dance

**Description:**

Specifies that the \$1,000,000 of transient accommodations tax revenues currently allocated to operate a Hawaiian center and the museum of Hawaiian music and dance may also be used to plan, design, and construct these facilities at an unspecified location.

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