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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE SECURITY OF PUBLIC PLACES.

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

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 46, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended  
2 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to  
3 read as follows:

4           "§46-     Public places special fund. (a) There is  
5 established the public places special fund into which shall be  
6 deposited the revenues prescribed by section 237D-6.5(b) (5) and  
7 all investment earnings credited to the assets of the fund.

8           (b) Moneys in the special fund shall be allocated to the  
9 counties in proportion to the amount of transient accommodations  
10 taxes collected in each county under chapter 237D.

11           (c) Moneys in the special fund shall be used exclusively  
12 to contract private security to work with county law enforcement  
13 to enforce state or county laws, rules, ordinances, or  
14 regulations prohibiting camping, loitering, nuisance, or other  
15 violations in public places."

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



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

5           (1) \$1,500,000 shall be allocated to the Turtle Bay  
6 conservation easement special fund beginning July 1,  
7 2015, for the reimbursement to the state general fund  
8 of debt service on reimbursable general obligation  
9 bonds, including ongoing expenses related to the  
10 issuance of the bonds, the proceeds of which were used  
11 to acquire the conservation easement and other real  
12 property interests in Turtle Bay, Oahu, for the  
13 protection, preservation, and enhancement of natural  
14 resources important to the State, until the bonds are  
15 fully amortized;

16           (2) \$11,000,000 shall be allocated to the convention  
17 center enterprise special fund established under  
18 section 201B-8;

19           (3) An allocation shall be deposited into the tourism  
20 emergency special fund, established in section 201B-  
21 10, in a manner sufficient to maintain a fund balance



1 of \$5,000,000 in the tourism emergency special fund;

2 [~~and~~]

3 (4) \$3,000,000 shall be allocated to the special land and

4 development fund established under section 171-19;

5 provided that the allocation shall be expended in

6 accordance with the Hawaii tourism authority strategic

7 plan for:

8 (A) The protection, preservation, maintenance, and

9 enhancement of natural resources, including

10 beaches, important to the visitor industry;

11 (B) Planning, construction, and repair of facilities;

12 and

13 (C) Operation and maintenance costs of public lands,

14 including beaches, connected with enhancing the

15 visitor experience [~~-~~]; and

16 (5) .005 per cent of the transient accommodations taxes

17 shall be allocated to the public places special fund

18 established under section 46- .

19 All transient accommodations taxes shall be paid into the

20 state treasury each month within ten days after collection and



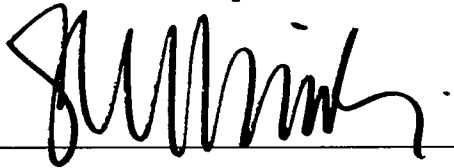
1 shall be kept by the state director of finance in special  
2 accounts for distribution as provided in this subsection."

3 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

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INTRODUCED BY:



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# S.B. NO. 1591

**Report Title:**

Public Places Special Fund; Transient Accommodations Taxes;  
Public Places; Security; Violations

**Description:**

Creates a Public Places Special Fund to fund hiring private security to work with county law enforcement to enforce state or county laws, rules, ordinances, or regulations prohibiting camping, loitering, nuisance, or other violations in public places. Allocates .005 per cent of the transient accommodations tax to the Public Places Special Fund to be allocated to the counties in proportion to the amount of tax collected in each county.

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