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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the department of
2 Hawaiian home lands was formed when the United States Congress
3 enacted the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920 to protect and
4 improve the lives of native Hawaiians. The legislature further
5 finds that the department of Hawaiian home lands' primary focus
6 is to serve its beneficiaries through housing opportunities and
7 by managing its extensive land trust that consists of over two
8 hundred thousand acres of land on the islands of Hawai'i,
9 Moloka'i, Lanai, O'ahu, and Kauai.

10 The legislature further finds that in fulfilling its
11 obligation to native Hawaiians, the department of Hawaiian home
12 lands has mainly focused on developing single-family homes. The
13 legislature believes that, with more than forty thousand
14 applicants on a waiting list for available housing
15 opportunities, the department of Hawaiian home lands must expand
16 its ability to develop not only single-family homes but also
17 multi-family homes, rental and transitional units, and other



1 alternative housing options for individuals currently on the
2 waiting list and to meet the needs of the State's native
3 Hawaiian population.

4 The legislature acknowledges that the State's increasing
5 cost of living has priced many native Hawaiians out of their
6 homes. The legislature believes that it is incumbent upon the
7 department of Hawaiian home lands to alleviate the cost burden
8 for native Hawaiians seeking housing in their lineal home.
9 However, without a dedicated funding source, the legislature
10 believes the department of Hawaiian home lands is at an inherent
11 disadvantage in addressing the impact of the State's high cost
12 of living on native Hawaiians.

13 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to require one per
14 cent of the transient accommodations tax be allocated to the
15 department of Hawaiian home lands for the purposes of building
16 affordable housing for individuals on the department of Hawaiian
17 home lands waiting list.

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

20 "(b) Except for the revenues collected pursuant to section
21 237D-2(e), revenues collected under this chapter shall be



1 distributed in the following priority, with the excess revenues
2 to be deposited into the general fund:

3 (1) \$1,500,000 shall be allocated to the Turtle Bay
4 conservation easement special fund beginning July 1,
5 2015, for the reimbursement to the state general fund
6 of debt service on reimbursable general obligation
7 bonds, including ongoing expenses related to the
8 issuance of the bonds, the proceeds of which were used
9 to acquire the conservation easement and other real
10 property interests in Turtle Bay, Oahu, for the
11 protection, preservation, and enhancement of natural
12 resources important to the State, until the bonds are
13 fully amortized;

14 (2) \$11,000,000 shall be allocated to the convention
15 center enterprise special fund established under
16 section 201B-8;

17 (3) An allocation shall be deposited into the tourism
18 emergency special fund, established in section
19 201B-10, in a manner sufficient to maintain a fund
20 balance of \$5,000,000 in the tourism emergency special
21 fund; [~~and~~]



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1 (4) \$3,000,000 shall be allocated to the special land and
2 development fund established under section 171-19;
3 provided that the allocation shall be expended in
4 accordance with the Hawaii tourism authority strategic
5 plan for:

6 (A) The protection, preservation, maintenance, and
7 enhancement of natural resources, including
8 beaches, important to the visitor industry;

9 (B) Planning, construction, and repair of facilities;
10 and

11 (C) Operation and maintenance costs of public lands,
12 including beaches, connected with enhancing the
13 visitor experience~~[-]~~; and

14 (5) One per cent shall be allocated to the department of
15 Hawaiian home lands for the purposes of building
16 affordable housing for individuals on the department
17 of Hawaiian home lands waiting list.

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



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

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

6 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:



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Report Title:

DHHL; Transient Accommodations Tax; Affordable Housing

Description:

Requires one per cent of the transient accommodations tax be allocated to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands for the purposes of building affordable housing for individuals on the DHHL waiting list.

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