

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TOURISM.

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

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2 SECTION 1. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by
3 adding a new chapter to be appropriately designated and to read
4 as follows:

5 "CHAPTER

6 HAWAII DESTINATION STEWARDSHIP

7 **§ -1 Definitions.** As used in this chapter, unless the
8 context otherwise requires:

9 "Agency" means any agency, department, authority, board,
10 commission, the university of Hawaii, or any other unit of the
11 State or a county.

12 "Authority" means the Hawaii tourism authority established
13 pursuant to section 201B-2.

14 "Board" means the board of directors of the authority, and
15 any successor thereto.

16 "Convention center facility" or "convention center" means
17 any combination of land, buildings, and improvements thereon.



1 acquired or developed by the State, and includes exhibition
2 halls, meeting rooms, a plenary session hall, and support space
3 that reflect a Hawaii sense of place; any other structure or
4 facility required or useful for the operation of a convention
5 center, including commercial, office, community service,
6 parking, garage, and other supporting service structures; and
7 all necessary, useful, and related equipment, furnishings, and
8 appurtenances.

9 "Corporation for the stewardship of Hawaii tourism" or
10 "corporation" means the nonprofit organization designated as the
11 official destination stewardship organization for Hawaii.

12 "County" means the city and county of Honolulu, county of
13 Hawaii, county of Kauai, or county of Maui.

14 "Destination stewardship" means a collaborative and
15 coordinated process among public, private, nonprofit, and
16 community stakeholders to manage the various elements of a
17 visitor economy to:

18 (1) Support Hawaii's economic prosperity by creating,
19 implementing, and monitoring strategies that attract
20 targeted visitors and improve visitor experiences;



12 (5) Perpetuate the Hawaiian culture and honor the many
13 cultures represented among the State's population.

14 "Destination stewardship organization" means a tourism
15 organization that is structured to guide a visitor economy in
16 collaboration with public, private, nonprofit, and community
17 stakeholders in achieving beneficial outcomes from tourism,
18 based on the principles of destination stewardship and
19 regenerative tourism.

20 "Destination stewardship organization service agreement" or
21 "agreement" means a written contract authorizing the destination



1 stewardship organization to expend state funding to achieve
2 specified deliverables on behalf of the State.

3 "Hawaii brand" means the qualities and programs that
4 collectively differentiate the Hawaii experience from other
5 destinations.

6 "Hawaii destination stewardship council" or "state council"
7 means an appointed governing body that collaborates to oversee
8 the strategy, policy, and finances of the statewide destination
9 stewardship organization.

10 "Incorporator" means the president and chief executive
11 officer of the authority.

12 "Island destination stewardship council" or "island
13 council" means an appointed body of stakeholders who collaborate
14 in development of county or island destination management action
15 plans, prioritize actions for implementation, and participate in
16 achieving desired outcomes.

17 "Public agency" means any office, department, board,
18 commission, bureau, division, public corporation agency, entity,
19 or instrumentality of the federal, state, or county government.

20 "Regenerative tourism" means a tourism model that:



§ -2 Nonprofit Hawaii destination stewardship

16 organization; establishment; board; incorporator. (a) Through
17 the incorporator, the authority shall organize a nonprofit
18 corporation, to be designated as the corporation for the
19 stewardship of Hawaii tourism, by filing with the department of
20 commerce and consumer affairs a certificate of incorporation.
21 The incorporator shall be responsible for taking all the



1 necessary actions to organize and incorporate the corporation,
2 which shall be considered neither an agency of the State nor a
3 public corporation. The corporation shall have all of the
4 general powers of a nonprofit private corporation pursuant to
5 chapter 414D.

6 (b) The incorporator shall state in the certificate of
7 incorporation:

8 (1) That the corporation shall serve as the official
9 destination stewardship organization for Hawaii and as
10 the official representative for Hawaii tourism; and
11 (2) Any additional provisions that are necessary for the
12 administration or management of the corporation.

13 (c) The certificate of incorporation shall further state
14 that the initial affairs of the corporation shall be managed by
15 the Hawaii destination stewardship council.

16 (d) The Hawaii destination stewardship council shall
17 consist of up to twenty voting members and six ex officio,
18 nonvoting members; provided that:

19 (1) The members shall be appointed by the governor, except
20 as otherwise provided by this section;
21 (2) The voting members shall include:



- (A) The elected chairs of island destination stewardship councils;
- (B) At least eight members with direct experience and expertise in the business of accommodations, tourism-related transportation, retail, entertainment, or attractions; provided further that the governor shall appoint members from nominations submitted by statewide associations representing these industry sectors and shall strive to achieve a balance of representation from the sectors and from the four counties;
- (C) A member representing a nonprofit organization engaged in advocacy for the environment;
- (D) A member representing a nonprofit organization engaged in advocacy for social improvements;
- (E) At least one member with knowledge, experience, and expertise in Hawaiian cultural practices;
- (F) Two members of the house of representatives, to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives; and



1 (G) Two members of the senate, to be appointed by the
2 president of the senate; and

3 (3) The state council shall include six ex officio members
4 to represent state government agencies, as follows:

5 (A) The stewardship liaison in the office of the
6 governor, or another designee of the governor;

7 (B) The chairperson of the board of agriculture and
8 biosecurity, or the chairperson's designee;

9 (C) The director of business, economic development,
10 and tourism, or the director's designee;

11 (D) The chairperson of the board of land and natural
12 resources, or the chairperson's designee;

13 (E) The director of transportation, or the director's
14 designee; and

15 (F) The executive director of the state foundation on
16 culture and the arts, or the executive director's
17 designee;

18 provided further that ex officio members shall not
19 vote but may contribute to policy and strategy
20 discussions and serve on council working groups and
21 committees.



1 (e) Quorum for the Hawaii destination stewardship council
2 shall consist of at least one-half of members who are neither ex
3 officio members nor legislative appointees. A majority vote of
4 all members present shall be necessary to conduct business.

5 (f) Members shall serve without compensation but shall be
6 reimbursed for expenses, including travel expenses, necessary
7 for the performance of their duties.

13 (h) The voting members of the Hawaii destination
14 stewardship council shall elect a chair and vice chair from
15 among the membership of the state council. No chair shall serve
16 more than four consecutive years.

17 (i) Members who are no longer part of the entities they
18 were named to represent shall cease to be members of the Hawaii
19 destination stewardship council. The vacancy shall be filled by
20 appointment or election pursuant to this section.



(j) The Hawaii destination stewardship council may establish committees as it deems appropriate.

3 (k) The incorporator shall carry out other tasks required
4 by chapter 414D that are needed to complete the organization of
5 the corporation, including but not limited to holding the
6 initial meeting of the island destination stewardship council,
7 overseeing the election of the officers of the state council,
8 and adopting the bylaws of the corporation and a corporate seal.

§ -3 Corporation for the stewardship of Hawaii tourism:

10 **president and chief executive officer.** (a) The corporation
11 shall be administered by the president and chief executive
12 officer. The president and chief executive officer shall be:

13 (1) An individual with professional experience in the
14 tourism industry;

15 (2) Selected and approved by a vote of the Hawaii
16 destination stewardship council; and

17 (3) Approved by the governor.

18 The president and chief executive officer shall serve at the
19 pleasure of the state council.

20 (b) The Hawaii destination stewardship council shall set
21 the president and chief executive officer's compensation and



1 benefits based upon industry standards for the leaders of
2 destination organizations of similar size and budget.

3 (c) The president and chief executive officer shall:

4 (1) Hire, supervise, and direct the staff of the
5 corporation; and

6 (2) Determine the compensation of the staff of the
7 corporation based on industry standards for positions
8 at destination organizations of similar size and
9 budget.

10 (d) The president and chief executive officer and other
11 staff of the corporation shall not be considered employees of
12 the State and shall be exempt from all laws pertaining to state
13 employees, except for chapter 84.

14 (e) The president and chief executive officer shall report
15 to and receive guidance from the Hawaii destination stewardship
16 council on matters of policy, strategy, and finance. The
17 president and chief executive officer shall implement the
18 strategic plan adopted by the state council.

19 (f) The president and chief executive officer and
20 corporation shall comply with chapter 103D for any goods and
21 services purchased by the corporation to carry out its purposes.



6 (1) The income and expenses of the corporation;

7 (2) The fund balance of the corporation;

8 (3) A summary of the strategic tourism stewardship plan;

9 and

10 (4) A report of the corporation's progress in achieving
11 the goals set forth in the strategic tourism
12 stewardship plan.

13 The portions of the report that pertain to the income and
14 expenses and fund balance of the corporation shall be audited by
15 independent accountants retained by the corporation for this
16 purpose.

17 The corporation shall post a copy of the report on a
18 publicly accessible part of its official website.

19 § -4 Transition; destination stewardship organization
20 service agreement. (a) After the effective date of this Act,
21 there shall be established a transition period during which the



1 authority shall continue to direct brand development,
2 destination management, and other responsibilities of the
3 corporation.

4 (b) During the transition period identified in subsection
5 (a), the corporation shall be organized, and all the necessary
6 administrative actions shall be taken so that the corporation
7 shall be fully operational and capable of effectively fulfilling
8 the objectives, purpose, duties, and functions set forth in its
9 certificate of incorporation.

10 (c) The office of the governor shall enter into and
11 execute a destination stewardship organization service agreement
12 with the corporation. The agreement shall set forth a process,
13 which shall not exceed three months, to transition
14 responsibilities from the authority to the corporation. The
15 agreement shall set dates on which the transition period begins
16 and ends.

17 (d) After the transition period ends, the corporation
18 shall assume the principal duties of stewarding the marketing
19 and promotion of Hawaii as a visitor destination, destination
20 development, and all other duties carried out by the authority.



7 (f) On the final date of the transition period identified
8 in subsection (a), the Hawaii destination stewardship council
9 shall issue and deliver a certification to the president and
10 chief executive officer of the authority.

16 **§ -5 Powers; generally.** (a) The corporation shall
17 collaborate in actions to build a thriving tourism economy that:
18 (1) Addresses local priorities as determined through
19 collaboration with island destination stewardship
20 councils:





1 corporation may enter into agreements for the use of
2 the convention center facility for a period of up to
3 ten years;

4 (4) Make and alter bylaws for its organization and
5 internal management;

6 (5) Through its president and chief executive officer,
7 represent the corporation in communications with the
8 governor and legislature;

9 (6) Through its president and chief executive officer,
10 provide for the appointment of officers, agents, and
11 employees, prescribing their duties and qualifications
12 and fixing their salaries, without regard to chapters
13 76 and 78, if funds have been appropriated by the
14 legislature and allotted as provided by law;

15 (7) Through its president and chief executive officer,
16 purchase supplies, equipment, and furniture;

17 (8) Through its president and chief executive officer,
18 allocate the space or spaces that are to be occupied
19 by the corporation and its staff;

20 (9) Through its president and chief executive officer,
21 engage the services of consultants on a contractual



1 basis for rendering professional and technical
2 assistance and advice;

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

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

9 (12) Undertake any and all other activities necessary to
10 carry out the purposes of this chapter.

11 § -6 Meetings of the Hawaii destination stewardship

12 **council.** (a) The meetings of the Hawaii destination
13 stewardship council shall be open to the public as provided in
14 section 92-3, except when it is necessary for the state council
15 to receive:

16 (1) Information that is proprietary to a particular
17 enterprise, or the disclosure of which might be
18 harmful to the business interests of the enterprise:



1 provided that information relating to marketing plans
2 and strategies may be disclosed after the execution of
3 the marketing plans and strategies.

4 (b) The state council may enter into an executive meeting
5 that is closed to the public in accordance with part I of
6 chapter 92.

7 (c) The state council shall be subject to sections 92-4
8 and 92-5 to enable the state council to respect the proprietary
9 requirements of enterprises with which they have business
10 dealings.

11 § -7 **Strategic plan; strategic tourism stewardship plan;**
12 **measures of effectiveness.** The corporation shall be responsible
13 for leading development of collaborative plans, including but
14 not limited to:

15 (1) Developing a vision and long-range strategic plan for
16 tourism in Hawaii;
17 (2) Creating an annual strategic tourism stewardship plan
18 to generate a healthy tourism economy, advance the
19 Hawaii brand and destination stewardship best
20 practices, and advance regenerative tourism; provided
21 that the plan shall be a single, comprehensive



1 document to be shared annually with the legislature
2 and governor no later than twenty days prior to the
3 convening of each regular session; and

4 (3) Developing periodic destination stewardship action
5 plans for each county to identify and address
6 destination stewardship objectives.

7 **§ -8 Destination stewardship action plans; island**

8 **destination stewardship councils; objectives; execution.** (a)

9 To identify and address destination stewardship objectives for
10 each county, the corporation shall lead a collaborative process
11 with island destination stewardship councils to develop
12 destination stewardship action plans for each county.

13 (b) Members of the island councils shall be named by
14 agreement of the mayor and chairperson of the county council of
15 each county. Each island council shall include no fewer than
16 fifteen and no more than twenty members. Appointed members who
17 represent organizations not named in this section may serve a
18 four-year term and may serve no more than eight years.

19 (c) A quorum shall consist of at least fifty per cent of
20 the island council's full membership. The members of each



1 island council shall elect a chairperson and vice chairperson by
2 a majority vote of the full membership.

3 (d) The members of an island council shall include:

4 (1) Representatives of each census-designated place on the
5 island;

6 (2) The economic development officer of the applicable
7 county;

8 (3) The executive director of the county visitor bureau;

9 (4) The head of the chamber of commerce or equivalent;

10 (5) At least six and no more than nine representatives of
11 the county visitor industry, including owners,
12 managers, association leaders, or others with direct
13 experience and expertise in managing accommodations,
14 restaurants, retail, entertainment, or attractions;

15 (6) At least one member with knowledge, experience, and
16 expertise in the area of Hawaiian cultural practices;
17 and

18 (7) Local representatives of state agencies with a role in
19 the health of the Hawaii visitor economy, including
20 the department of land and natural resources,



1 department of transportation, and department of
2 agriculture and biosecurity.

5 (1) Law enforcement or first responders;

6 (2) Educational institutions;

7 (3) The transportation sector;

8 (4) The housing sector;

9 (5) The agricultural sector; and

10 (6) Nonprofit organizations engaged in environmental,
11 social, or cultural activities.

12 (f) Additional island councils may be designated for any
13 county that encompasses more than one island that has a
14 population of five thousand or more.



1 tourism, as described by guidelines developed by the corporation
2 and approved by the Hawaii destination stewardship council.

3 (h) On an annual basis, each island council shall identify
4 a one-year action plan to implement priority initiatives
5 identified in the periodic destination stewardship plan. The
6 island council shall use funding from an annual destination
7 stewardship grant to implement the one-year action plan in
8 collaboration with designated representatives of the corporation
9 and in keeping with grant guidelines established by the
10 corporation.

11 (i) The periodic and one-year destination stewardship
12 action plans of each county shall be approved by a majority vote
13 of the full membership of the applicable island council.

14 (j) Each island council, in collaboration with designated
15 representatives of the corporation, shall prepare and approve an
16 annual report identifying the outcomes of the annual destination
17 stewardship action plan and describing how the island council
18 complied with the grant guidelines.

19 **§ -9 Exemption of corporation from taxation by the**
20 **State.** The following shall be exempt from all taxation by the
21 State:



§ -10 Declaration of public function, purpose, and

7 **necessity.** The powers and functions granted to and exercised by
8 the corporation under this chapter are declared to be public and
9 governmental functions, exercised for a public purpose, and
10 matters of public necessity. Members of the Hawaii destination
11 stewardship council and employees of the corporation shall not
12 be personally liable for any activity of the corporation
13 conducted in good faith.

14 **§** **-11** **Annual report.** The corporation shall submit to

15 the governor and legislature a complete and detailed report of
16 its activities, expenditures, and results, including the
17 progress of the strategic tourism stewardship plan toward
18 achieving the corporation's strategic plan goals, no later than
19 twenty days prior to the convening of each regular session of
20 the legislature. The annual report shall include the



1 descriptions and evaluations of programs funded, together with
2 any recommendations of the corporation."

3 SECTION 2. Section 23-76, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

5 "(c) This section shall apply to the following:

6 (1) Section 237-24.3(4)--Amounts received by employment
7 benefit plans and amounts received by nonprofit
8 organizations or offices for the administration of
9 employee benefit plans;

10 (2) Section 237-24.3(5)--Amounts received from food
11 coupons under the federal food stamp program or
12 vouchers under the Special Supplemental Foods Program
13 for Women, Infants and Children;

14 (3) Section 237-24.3(6)--Amounts received from the sale of
15 prescription drugs or prosthetic devices;

16 (4) Section 237-24.3(8)--Amounts received as dues by
17 unincorporated merchants associations for advertising
18 or promotion;

19 (5) Section 237-24.3(9)--Amounts received by labor
20 organizations from real property leases;



1 (6) Section 237-24.75(2)--Reimbursements to the Hawaii
2 convention center operator [from the Hawaii tourism
3 authority];

4 (7) Section 237-24.75(3)--Reimbursements to professional
5 employer organizations from client companies for
6 employee wages and fringe benefits; and

7 (8) Section 209E-11--Amounts received by qualified
8 businesses in enterprise zones."

9 SECTION 3. Section 28-8.3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
10 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

11 "(a) No department of the State other than the attorney
12 general may employ or retain any attorney, by contract or
13 otherwise, for the purpose of representing the State or the
14 department in any litigation, rendering legal counsel to the
15 department, or drafting legal documents for the department;
16 provided that the foregoing provision shall not apply to the
17 employment or retention of attorneys:

18 (1) By the public utilities commission, the labor and
19 industrial relations appeals board, and the Hawaii
20 labor relations board;



1 (2) By any court or judicial or legislative office of the
2 State; provided that if the attorney general is
3 requested to provide representation to a court or
4 judicial office by the chief justice or the chief
5 justice's designee, or to a legislative office by the
6 speaker of the house of representatives and the
7 president of the senate jointly, and the attorney
8 general declines to provide such representation on the
9 grounds of conflict of interest, the attorney general
10 shall retain an attorney for the court, judicial, or
11 legislative office, subject to approval by the court,
12 judicial, or legislative office;

13 (3) By the legislative reference bureau;

14 (4) By any compilation commission that may be constituted
15 from time to time;

16 (5) By the real estate commission for any action involving
17 the real estate recovery fund;

18 (6) By the contractors license board for any action
19 involving the contractors recovery fund;

20 (7) By the office of Hawaiian affairs;





1 [+(24)] (23) By a department, if the attorney general, for
2 reasons deemed by the attorney general to be good and
3 sufficient, declines to employ or retain an attorney
4 for a department; provided that the governor waives
5 the provision of this section."

6 SECTION 4. Section 36-27, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
7 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

8 "(a) Except as provided in this section, and
9 notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, from time to
10 time, the director of finance, for the purpose of defraying the
11 prorated estimate of central service expenses of government in
12 relation to all special funds, except the:

13 (1) Special out-of-school time instructional program fund
14 under section 302A-1310;

15 (2) School cafeteria special funds of the department of
16 education;

17 (3) Special funds of the University of Hawaii;

18 [+(4) ~~Convention center enterprise special fund under~~
19 ~~section 201B-8;~~

20 (5)] (4) Special funds established by section 206E-6;

21 [+(6)] (5) Aloha Tower fund created by section 206J-17;



- 1 [+(7)] (6) Funds of the employees' retirement system created
- 2 by section 88-109;
- 3 [+(8)] (7) Hawaii hurricane relief fund established under
- 4 chapter 431P;
- 5 [+(9)] (8) Hawaii health systems corporation special funds
- 6 and the subaccounts of its regional system boards;
- 7 [+(10)] (9) Universal service fund established under section
- 8 269-42;
- 9 [+(11)] (10) Emergency and budget reserve fund under section
- 10 328L-3;
- 11 [+(12)] (11) Public schools special fees and charges fund
- 12 under section 302A-1130;
- 13 [+(13)] (12) Sport fish special fund under section 187A-9.5;
- 14 [+(14)] (13) Neurotrauma special fund under section 321H-4;
- 15 [+(15)] (14) Glass advance disposal fee established by
- 16 section 342G-82;
- 17 [+(16)] (15) Center for nursing special fund under section
- 18 304A-2163;
- 19 [+(17)] (16) Passenger facility charge special fund
- 20 established by section 261-5.5;







1 the central service assessment of any fund. No later than
2 twenty days prior to the convening of each regular session of
3 the legislature, the director shall report all central service
4 assessments made during the preceding fiscal year."

5 SECTION 5. Section 36-30, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
6 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

7 "(a) Each special fund, except the:

8 (1) Special out-of-school time instructional program fund
9 under section 302A-1310;

10 (2) School cafeteria special funds of the department of
11 education;

12 (3) Special funds of the University of Hawaii;

13 (4) Special funds established by section 206E-6;

14 (5) Aloha Tower fund created by section 206J-17;

15 (6) Funds of the employees' retirement system created by
16 section 88-109;

17 (7) Hawaii hurricane relief fund established under chapter
18 431P;

19 [-(8) ~~Convention center enterprise special fund established~~
20 ~~under section 201B-8;~~







1 **"§237-24.75 Additional exemptions.** In addition to the
2 amounts exempt under section 237-24, this chapter shall not
3 apply to:

4 (1) Amounts received as a beverage container deposit
5 collected under chapter 342G, part VIII;

6 (2) Amounts received by the operator of the Hawaii
7 convention center for reimbursement of costs or
8 advances ~~[made pursuant to a contract with the Hawaii~~
9 ~~tourism authority under section 201B-7]~~; and

10 (3) Amounts received by a professional employer
11 organization that is registered with the department of
12 labor and industrial relations pursuant to chapter
13 373L, from a client company equal to amounts that are
14 disbursed by the professional employer organization
15 for employee wages, salaries, payroll taxes, insurance
16 premiums, and benefits, including retirement,
17 vacation, sick leave, health benefits, and similar
18 employment benefits with respect to covered employees
19 at a client company; provided that this exemption
20 shall not apply to amounts received by a professional
21 employer organization after:



- (A) Notification from the department of labor and industrial relations that the professional employer organization has not fulfilled or maintained the registration requirements under this chapter; or
- (B) A determination by the department that the professional employer organization has failed to pay any tax withholding for covered employees or any federal or state taxes for which the professional employer organization is responsible.

As used in this paragraph, "professional employer organization", "client company", and "covered employee" shall have the meanings provided in section 373L-1."

16 SECTION 7. Section 237D-6.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
17 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

18 "(b) Except for the revenues collected pursuant to section
19 237D-2(e), revenues collected under this chapter shall be
20 distributed in the following priority, with the excess revenues
21 to be deposited into the general fund:



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

12 [+(2) ~~\$11,000,000 shall be allocated to the convention~~
13 ~~center enterprise special fund established under~~
14 ~~section 201B-8;~~

15 (3) (2) An allocation shall be deposited into the tourism
16 emergency special fund, established in section 201B-
17 10, in a manner sufficient to maintain a fund balance
18 of \$5,000,000 in the tourism emergency special fund;
19 and

20 [+(4) (3) \$3,000,000 shall be allocated to the special land
21 and development fund established under section 171-19;



1 provided that the allocation shall be expended in
2 accordance with the Hawaii tourism authority strategic
3 plan for:

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

7 (B) Planning, construction, and repair of facilities;
8 and

9 (C) Operation and maintenance costs of public lands,
10 including beaches, connected with enhancing the
11 visitor experience.

12 All transient accommodations taxes shall be paid into the
13 state treasury each month within ten days after collection and
14 shall be kept by the state director of finance in special
15 accounts for distribution as provided in this subsection."

16 SECTION 8. Sections 6E-18, 23-76, 46-11, and 206E-34,
17 Hawaii Revised Statutes, are amended by substituting the words
18 "corporation for the stewardship of Hawaii tourism", or similar
19 term, wherever the words "Hawaii tourism authority", or similar
20 term, appears, as the context requires.

21 PART II



1 SECTION 9. Chapter 201B, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 repealed.

3 PART III

4 SECTION 10. This Act does not affect rights and duties
5 that matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that
6 were begun before its effective date.

7 SECTION 11. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
8 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

9 SECTION 12. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
10 provided that part II of this Act shall take effect on the date
11 of transfer of delegated functions from the Hawaii tourism
12 authority to the corporation for the stewardship of Hawaii
13 tourism pursuant to section -4(g), Hawaii Revised Statutes.

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Report Title:

Destination Stewardship; Corporation for the Stewardship of Hawaii Tourism; Nonprofit Organization; Hawaii Tourism Authority; Repeal

Description:

Establishes and designates the Corporation for the Stewardship of Hawaii Tourism, a nonprofit organization, as the official destination stewardship organization for the State. Repeals the Hawaii Tourism Authority.

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