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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PROPERTY CONVEYANCE.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 171-19, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:  
3 "(a) There is created in the department a special fund to  
4 be designated as the "special land and development fund".  
5 Subject to the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920, as  
6 amended, and section 5(f) of the Admission Act of 1959, all  
7 proceeds of sale of public lands, including interest on deferred  
8 payments; all moneys collected under section 171-58 for mineral  
9 and water rights; all rents from leases, licenses, and permits  
10 derived from public lands; all moneys collected from lessees of  
11 public lands within industrial parks; all fees, fines, and other  
12 administrative charges collected under this chapter and chapter  
13 183C; a portion of the highway fuel tax collected under chapter  
14 243; a portion of the transient accommodations tax under chapter  
15 237D; a portion of the conveyance tax collected under  
16 chapter 247; all moneys collected by the department for the  
17 commercial use of public trails and trail accesses under the



1 jurisdiction of the department; and private contributions for  
2 the management, maintenance, and development of trails and  
3 accesses shall be set apart in the fund and shall be used only  
4 as authorized by the legislature for the following purposes:

5 (1) To reimburse the general fund of the State for  
6 advances made that are required to be reimbursed from  
7 the proceeds derived from sales, leases, licenses, or  
8 permits of public lands;

9 (2) For the planning, development, management, operations,  
10 or maintenance of all lands and improvements under the  
11 control and management of the board pursuant to  
12 title 12, including but not limited to permanent or  
13 temporary staff positions who may be appointed without  
14 regard to chapter 76;

15 (3) To repurchase any land, including improvements, in the  
16 exercise by the board of any right of repurchase  
17 specifically reserved in any patent, deed, lease, or  
18 other documents or as provided by law;

19 (4) For the payment of all appraisal fees; provided that  
20 all fees reimbursed to the board shall be deposited in  
21 the fund;



- 1 (5) For the payment of publication notices as required
- 2 under this chapter; provided that all or a portion of
- 3 the expenditures may be charged to the purchaser or
- 4 lessee of public lands or any interest therein under
- 5 rules adopted by the board;
- 6 (6) For the management, maintenance, land acquisition, and
- 7 development of trails and trail accesses under the
- 8 jurisdiction of the department;
- 9 (7) For the payment to private land developers who have
- 10 contracted with the board for development of public
- 11 lands under section 171-60;
- 12 (8) For the payment of debt service on revenue bonds
- 13 issued by the department, including revenue bonds
- 14 issued for the purposes of section 237D-6.5(b)(4), and
- 15 the establishment of debt service and other reserves
- 16 deemed necessary by the board;
- 17 (9) To reimburse the general fund for debt service on
- 18 general obligation bonds issued to finance
- 19 departmental projects, including projects under
- 20 section 237D-6.5(b)(4), where the bonds are designated



1                   to be reimbursed from the special land and development  
2                   fund;

3                   (10) For the protection, planning, management, and  
4                   regulation of water resources under chapter 174C;  
5                   (11) For the purposes of section 237D-6.5(b) (4); and  
6                   (12) For other purposes of this chapter."

7                   SECTION 2. Section 198D-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
8                   amended as follows:

9                   1. By amending subsection (b) to read:

10                  "(b) The trail and access program shall use funding for  
11                  the management, maintenance, land acquisition, and development  
12                  of trails and trail accesses under the jurisdiction of the  
13                  department from the following sources:

14                  (1) A portion of the highway fuel taxes collected under  
15                  chapter 243;  
16                  (2) Federal government grants;  
17                  (3) Private contributions; [and]  
18                  (4) Fees, established pursuant to administrative rules and  
19                  charged by the department for the commercial and other  
20                  use of trails and trail accesses under the  
21                  jurisdiction of the department[–]; and



1       (5) A portion of the conveyance tax collected under  
2       chapter 247."

3       2. By amending subsection (d) to read:

4       "(d) The moneys specified in subsection (b)(1), (3), [and]  
5       (4), and (5) shall be deposited in the special land and  
6       development fund under section 171-19 for the management,  
7       maintenance, land acquisition, and development of trails and  
8       trail accesses under the jurisdiction of the department."

9       SECTION 3. Section 201H-191, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
10      amended to read as follows:

11      "**§201H-191 Dwelling unit revolving fund.** (a) There is  
12      created a dwelling unit revolving fund. The funds appropriated  
13      for the purpose of the dwelling unit revolving fund [and],  
14      conveyance taxes received pursuant to section 247-7(3), and all  
15      moneys received or collected by the corporation for the purpose  
16      of the revolving fund shall be deposited in the revolving fund.

17      The proceeds in the revolving fund shall be used:

18       (1) To reimburse the general fund to pay the interest on  
19               general obligation bonds issued for the purposes of  
20               the revolving fund;



1 (2) For necessary expenses in administering housing  
2 development programs, regional state infrastructure  
3 programs, and the government employee housing program  
4 pursuant to part V; and

5 (3) To carry out the purposes of housing development  
6 programs, regional state infrastructure programs, and  
7 the government employee housing program pursuant to  
8 part V, including but not limited to the expansion of  
9 community facilities and regional state infrastructure  
10 constructed in conjunction with housing and mixed-use  
11 transit-oriented development projects, permanent  
12 primary or secondary financing, and supplementing  
13 building costs, federal guarantees required for  
14 operational losses [~~, and all~~];

15 (4) To fund infrastructure programs in areas that meet  
16 transit-supportive density requirements; provided that  
17 proceeds from the conveyance tax deposited pursuant to  
18 section 247-7(3) shall only be used for the purposes  
19 of this paragraph; and



4 (b) Subject to the requirements of subsection (a),  
5 proceeds in the revolving fund may be used to:

6 (1) Establish and operate regional state infrastructure  
7 subaccounts pursuant to section 201H-191.5; and  
8 (2) Administer, implement, and finance the government  
9 employee housing program pursuant [+] to [+] part V.

**10** (c) For the purposes of this section:

11        "County-designated transit-oriented development area" means  
12        a geographic area designated by a county for transit-oriented  
13        development by an adopted ordinance, plan, or resolution. These  
14        areas shall generally consist of lands within a one-half-mile  
15        radius of a transit hub or transit station but may extend  
16        further when there is state and county agreement about the  
17        extent of the transit-oriented development area.

18        "Floor area ratio" means the quotient, expressed as a  
19        decimal number, that results from dividing a structure's total  
20        floor area by the total area of the lot or parcel on which the  
21        structure is located.



1        "Ministerial permit" means a permit processed based upon  
2        standards established through county ordinance or rule and  
3        issued by the director of the county agency responsible for land  
4        use or a single county officer designated by ordinance.

5        "Transit-supportive density requirements" means a  
6        county-designated transit-oriented development area:

7        (1)    With development standards that allow a floor area  
8                ratio of at least:  
9                (A)    4.0 for all uses that are permitted in a  
10              county-designated transit-oriented development  
11              area or by the underlying county zoning;  
12              (B)    6.0 for all uses that are permitted in a  
13              county-designated transit-oriented development  
14              area within one-half mile of a station of a  
15              locally preferred alternative for a mass transit  
16              project; and  
17              (C)    For all uses that are permitted within  
18              one-quarter mile of a station of a locally  
19              preferred alternative for a mass transit project,  
20              whichever is greater:  
21              (i)    7.0;



18 SECTION 4. Section 247-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
19 amended to read as follows:

20 "§247-2 Basis and rate of tax. (a) The tax imposed by  
21 section 247-1 shall be based on the actual and full



1 consideration (whether cash or otherwise, including any promise,  
2 act, forbearance, property interest, value, gain, advantage,  
3 benefit, or profit), paid or to be paid for all transfers or  
4 conveyance of realty or any interest therein, that shall include  
5 any liens or encumbrances thereon at the time of sale, lease,  
6 sublease, assignment, transfer, or conveyance, and shall be at  
7 the following rates:

8 (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2):

9 (A) ~~[Ten cents per \$100 for]~~ For properties with a  
10 value of less than \$600,000~~[+]~~: 10 cents per  
11 \$100;

12 (B) ~~[Twenty cents per \$100 for]~~ For properties with a  
13 value of at least \$600,000, but less than  
14 \$1,000,000~~[+]~~: \$600 plus 35 cents per \$100 of  
15 excess over \$600,000;

16 (C) ~~[Thirty cents per \$100 for]~~ For properties with a  
17 value of at least \$1,000,000, but less than  
18 \$2,000,000~~[+]~~: \$2,000 plus 60 cents per \$100 of  
19 excess over \$1,000,000;

20 (D) ~~[Fifty cents per \$100 for]~~ For properties with a  
21 value of at least \$2,000,000, but less than



1                   \$4,000,000 [+] : \$8,000 plus 85 cents per \$100 of  
2                   excess over \$2,000,000;

3                   (E) ~~[Seventy cents per \$100 for]~~ For properties with  
4                   a value of at least \$4,000,000, but less than  
5                   \$6,000,000 [+] : \$25,000 plus \$1.20 per \$100 of  
6                   excess over \$4,000,000;

7                   (F) ~~[Ninety cents per \$100 for]~~ For properties with a  
8                   value of at least \$6,000,000, but less than  
9                   \$10,000,000 [+, and] : \$49,000 plus \$1.75 per \$100  
10                   of excess over \$6,000,000; and

11                   (G) ~~[One dollar per \$100 for]~~ For properties with a  
12                   value of at least \$10,000,000 ~~[or greater; and]~~ :  
13                   \$119,000 plus \$3 per \$100 of excess over  
14                   \$10,000,000; and

15                   (2) For the sale of a condominium ~~[or]~~, single family  
16                   residence, or land zoned agricultural with a  
17                   residential dwelling unit, for which the purchaser is  
18                   ineligible for a county homeowner's exemption on  
19                   property tax:



1 (A) [Fifteen cents per \$100 for] For properties with  
2 a value of less than \$600,000[+] : 15 cents per  
3 \$100;

4 (B) [Twenty-five cents per \$100 for] For properties  
5 with a value of at least \$600,000, but less than  
6 \$1,000,000[+] : \$900 plus 40 cents per \$100 of  
7 excess over \$600,000;

8 (C) [Forty cents per \$100 for] For properties with a  
9 value of at least \$1,000,000, but less than  
10 \$2,000,000[+] : \$2,500 plus 65 cents per \$100 of  
11 excess over \$1,000,000;

12 (D) [Sixty cents per \$100 for] For properties with a  
13 value of at least \$2,000,000, but less than  
14 \$4,000,000[+] : \$9,000 plus \$2.00 per \$100 of  
15 excess over \$2,000,000;

16 (E) [Eighty-five cents per \$100 for] For properties  
17 with a value of at least \$4,000,000, but less  
18 than \$6,000,000[+] : \$49,000 plus \$2.50 per \$100  
19 of excess over \$4,000,000;

20 (F) [One dollar and ten cents per \$100 for] For  
21 properties with a value of at least \$6,000,000,



1                   but less than \$10,000,000 [~~+~~ and]: \$99,000 plus  
2                   \$3.25 per \$100 of excess over \$6,000,000; and  
3                   (G) ~~[One dollar and twenty five cents per \$100 for]~~  
4                   For properties with a value of \$10,000,000 or  
5                   greater[~~+~~]: \$229,000 plus \$4.10 per \$100 of  
6                   excess over \$10,000,000,  
7                   of [~~such~~] the actual and full consideration; provided that in  
8                   the case of a lease or sublease, this chapter shall apply only  
9                   to a lease or sublease whose full unexpired term is for a period  
10                  of five years or more[~~,~~ and in these cases, including (where  
11                  appropriate) these cases where the]; provided further that if a  
12                  lease has been extended or amended, the tax in this chapter  
13                  shall be based on the cash value of the lease rentals discounted  
14                  to present day value and capitalized at the rate of six per  
15                  cent, plus the actual and full consideration paid or to be paid  
16                  for any and all improvements, if any, that shall include on-site  
17                  as well as off-site improvements, applicable to the leased  
18                  premises; [~~and~~] provided further that the tax imposed for each  
19                  transaction shall be [~~not~~] no less than \$1.  
20                  The rates in this section shall apply to the transfer or  
21                  conveyance of a multifamily residential property; provided that



1     "value", for purposes of determining the applicable rate, shall  
2     be an amount calculated by dividing the actual and full  
3     consideration for the transfer or conveyance of realty or any  
4     interest therein by the number of residential dwelling units in  
5     the property. For the purposes of this subsection, "multifamily  
6     residential property" means a structure that is located within  
7     the state urban land use district and divided into five or more  
8     dwelling units.

9             (b) For each taxable year beginning after December 31,  
10        2026, the director of taxation, no later than December 15 of the  
11       preceding calendar year, shall recompute the rates in subsection  
12        (a) by multiplying the dollar amount for the preceding taxable  
13       year by the cost-of-living adjustment factor, if the  
14       cost-of-living adjustment factor is greater than 1.0, and  
15       rounding off the resulting product to the nearest \$1; provided  
16       that if the cost-of-living adjustment factor is less than or  
17       equal to 1.0 in a given year, then no adjustment shall occur in  
18       the following year.

19             As used in this subsection, "cost-of-living adjustment  
20        factor" means a factor calculated by adding 1.0 to the quotient  
21        of the percentage change in the Urban Hawaii Consumer Price



1    Index for all items divided by one hundred, as published by the  
2    United States Department of Labor, from July of the preceding  
3    calendar year to July of the current calendar year; provided  
4    that if the Urban Hawaii Consumer Price Index is discontinued,  
5    the Chained Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, as  
6    published by the United States Department of Labor, shall be  
7    used to calculate the cost-of-living adjustment factor."

8            SECTION 5. Section 247-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
9    amended to read as follows:

10          "**§247-7 Disposition of taxes.** All taxes collected under  
11    this chapter shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit  
12    of the general fund of the State, to be used and expended for  
13    the purposes for which the general fund was created and exists  
14    by law; provided that of the taxes collected each fiscal year:

15          (1)    [Ten] \_\_\_\_ per cent or [\$.5,100,000,] \$ \_\_\_\_\_,

16            whichever is less, shall be paid into the land  
17            conservation fund established pursuant to section  
18            173A-5; [and]

19          (2)    [Fifty] \_\_\_\_ per cent or [\$.38,000,000,] \$ \_\_\_\_\_,  
20            whichever is less, shall be paid into the rental



1 housing revolving fund established by section 201H-  
2 202 [–];

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

13 SECTION 7. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
14 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

**15** SECTION 8. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2027.

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# S.B. NO. 3028

**Report Title:**

Conveyance Tax; Land Conservation Fund; Special Land and Development Fund; Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund; Infrastructure Funding; County-Designated Transit-Oriented Development

**Description:**

Restructures the conveyance tax to a marginal rate system and adjusts the tax for multifamily properties to reflect value on a per-unit basis. Adjusts allocations of conveyance tax collections to the Land Conservation Fund, and Rental Housing Revolving Fund and adds the Special Land and Development Fund (to fund land acquisition for the Hawaii Statewide Trail and Access Program), and the Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund (to fund infrastructure programs in county-designated transit-oriented development areas). Takes effect 1/1/2027.

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