

**ACT 159**

S.B. NO. 2303-86

A Bill for an Act Relating to a Tourism Impact Management System.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:*

**SECTION 1.** The purpose of this Act is to establish a system for the continuous monitoring of the impact of tourism on the economic, social, and

physical environment of the residents of Hawaii. While it is recognized that tourism development and activities are of crucial importance and have resulted in significant economic benefits, it must also be recognized that in order for tourism to continue to thrive, it must have the support of Hawaii's residents and their concerns about the negative effects of tourism must be addressed. The tourism impact management system established in the department of planning and economic development by this Act is intended to be responsive to the concerns of residents by identifying those conditions relating to tourism which have negative effects on residents and providing a mechanism through which solutions may be sought.

SECTION 2. Chapter 201, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

“§201- Tourism impact management system. The director shall establish a system to:

- (1) Monitor the impact of tourism development and activities on the economic, social, and physical environment of the residents of Hawaii;
- (2) Identify those current and emerging conditions which are having or are likely to have negative effects on residents;
- (3) Survey and analyze the specific concerns of communities with high tourism impact;
- (4) Inform appropriate public officials and private parties of the negative effects;
- (5) Advocate, on behalf of residents and whenever possible, solutions to ameliorate, avoid, or prevent the undesirable effects; and
- (6) Bring major tourism impact issues to the attention of appropriate legislative bodies.

The director shall publish an annual report which describes the system's application in the preceding year, including the conditions and negative effects identified, the solutions recommended or pursued by responsible agencies or parties, and the results obtained.”

SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$100,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 1986-87, to carry out the purposes of this Act, including the hiring of necessary staff. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of planning and economic development.

SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.<sup>1</sup>

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved May 14, 1986.)

Note

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.