### POLICY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

November 3, 2017	Committee
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Honorable Chair and Members of the County Council County of Maui Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii

Chair and Members:

Your Policy, Economic Development, and Agriculture Committee, having met on October 16, 2017, makes reference to County Communication 17-8, from Council Chair Mike White, relating to matters pertaining to the Hawaii State Association of Counties ("HSAC").

By correspondence dated and received on October 10, 2017, Council Chair Mike White transmitted a proposed resolution, entitled "APPROVING PROPOSALS FOR INCLUSION IN THE 2018 HAWAII STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE," attaching as Exhibit "A", correspondence from the HSAC President dated September 28, 2017. The purpose of the proposed resolution is to approve the proposals for inclusion in the 2018 HSAC Legislative Package.

Your Committee notes of the 17 proposals attached to the HSAC President's correspondence, two were already approved by the Maui County Council. Ten of the proposals were carryovers from the 2017 HSAC Legislative Package, and five are new proposals submitted by the County of Kauai. The 15 proposals are:

- 1. A proposed State bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ZONING." The purpose of the proposed State bill is to clarify County zoning authority by distinguishing single-family residential use from single-family vacation rental use and to allow amortization by ordinance for single-family transient vacation rentals over a reasonable period.
- 2. A proposed State bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION." The purpose of the proposed State bill is to

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provide a taxpayer who hires an individual with a disability a nonrefundable tax credit for the six-month period after the individual is initially hired by the taxpayer.

- 3. A proposed State bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION." The purpose of the proposed State bill is to provide a taxpayer who hires an elderly individual a nonrefundable tax credit for the six-month period after the individual is initially hired by the taxpayer.
- 4. A proposed State bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSIENT ACCOMMODATIONS TAX." The purpose of the proposed State bill is to eliminate the cap for distribution of transient accommodations tax revenues to counties.
- 5. A proposed State bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AUTOMATIC FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEMS." The purpose of the proposed State bill is to establish a tax credit of 25 percent of the total cost, including installation, of an automatic fire suppression system in any new detached one-or two-family dwelling unit in a structure used only for residential purposes, with a sunset date of June 30, 2025.
- 6. A proposed State bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GOVERNMENT RECORDS." The purpose of the proposed State bill is to amend the Sunshine Law to allow certain government records to be shared among public board members where no commitment relating to a vote on the matter is made or sought.
- 7. A proposed State bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL LANDS." The purpose of the proposed State bill is to implement Act 183, Session Laws of Hawaii 2005, in accordance with the State's constitutional duty to protect important agricultural lands, by providing

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funds to the counties for the identification and mapping of important agricultural lands.

- 8. A proposed State bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING." The purpose of the proposed State bill is to allow a representative of each county council to be present as a non-voting participant in negotiations with bargaining units if the relevant county has employees in a particular bargaining unit.
- 9. A proposed State bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TORT LIABILITY." The purpose of the proposed State bill is to make permanent the protections of Act 170, Session Laws of Hawaii 2002, which provided the State, counties, and lifeguards immunity from liability against damages arising from the acts or omissions of lifeguards while performing emergency lifeguard services.
- 10. A proposed State bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO UNADJUDICATED TRAFFIC FINES." The purpose of the proposed State bill is to provide for identification by the judiciary of fines paid for uncontested traffic infractions and to allow for specified portions of those fines to be paid to the counties.
- 11. A proposed State bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES." The purpose of the proposed State bill is to appropriate funds to the Department of Health for the purchase of an ambulance vehicle and the operational costs for one ambulance unit, including equipment, supplies, and personnel costs for State-certified emergency medical services personnel, for a 24-hour, 7-days-a-week, ambulance unit for the County of Kauai.

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- 12. A proposed State bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES." The purpose of the proposed State bill is to establish unmanned aerial vehicle laws and rules that complement federal rules and regulations.
- 13. A proposed State bill entitled "A BILL FOR ACT RELATING TO COMMUNITY MEETINGS." The purpose of the proposed State bill is to amend the permitted interaction for board members attending an informational meeting, pursuant to Section 92-2.5(e), Hawaii Revised Statutes, to provide that the limitation on number of attendees shall not apply to members of a county council.
- 14. A proposed State bill entitled "A BILL FOR ACT RELATING TO IDENTIFICATION CARDS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES." The purpose of the proposed State bill is to allow persons with disabilities to indicate their disability on their identification cards.
- 15. A proposed State bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSIENT ACCOMMODATIONS TAX." The purpose of the proposed State bill is to provide a fair, consistent and predictable priority allocation of transient accommodations tax revenues, including an allocation to the counties of 45 percent of the amount of revenues remaining after all other allocations are made.

Of the 10 carryover proposals noted in the HSAC President's correspondence, your Committee notes six were Maui County proposals already approved for inclusion in the 2017 HSAC Legislative Package by Resolutions 16-124, 16-125, 16-127, 16-128, 16-130, and 16-131, adopted on October 7, 2016.

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Your Committee further notes two additional Maui County proposals were approved for inclusion in the 2018 HSAC Legislative Package by Resolutions 17-135 and 17-136, on September 8, 2017:

- 1. A proposed State bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE CONVEYANCE TAX." The purpose of the proposed State bill is to increase revenue for each county's affordable housing fund through a one-percent conveyance tax on the sale of condominiums or single-family residences with a value of more than \$2,000,000.
- 2. A proposed State bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSIENT ACCOMMODATIONS TAX." The purpose of the proposed State bill is to amend the transient accommodations tax ("TAT") law to require online travel companies and other transient accommodations remarketers to pay TAT on their portion of proceeds from the booking of accommodations to increase TAT revenue to the benefit of every county in the State.

Your Committee notes the bill relating to TAT remarketers was revised to conform to Act 1 (2017), resulting from the State Legislature's special session. Act 1 allocated \$103 million to the counties instead of the previous \$93 million that had been included in the original proposal.

Your Committee notes only those proposals approved by all four councils will be included in the 2018 HSAC Legislative Package for introduction to the State Legislature.

Your Committee recognized all of the proposals have merit and help to address important countywide issues.

Your Committee voted 7-0 to recommend adoption of the proposed resolution. Committee Chair Sugimura, Vice-Chair Crivello, and members

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Atay, Carroll, Guzman, Hokama, and White voted "aye." Committee Members Cochran and King were excused.

Your Policy, Economic Development, and Agriculture Committee RECOMMENDS that Resolution \_\_\_\_\_\_, attached hereto, entitled "APPROVING PROPOSALS FOR INCLUSION IN THE 2018 HAWAII STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE," be ADOPTED.

This report is submitted in accordance with Rule 8 of the Rules of the Council.

YUKI LEI K. SUGIMURA, Chair

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APPROVING PROPOSALS FOR INCLUSION IN THE 2018 HAWAII STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE

WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Association of Counties' bylaws provide for the submittal to the State Legislature of an annual HSAC Legislative Package composed of measures approved for inclusion by all four county councils; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution 17-135, adopted on September 8, 2017, the Council approved for inclusion in the 2018 HSAC Legislative Package a proposed State bill, entitled "RELATING TO THE CONVEYANCE TAX," and transmitted this Maui County proposal to the HSAC Executive Committee for approval by the other councils (Exhibit "6"); and

WHEREAS, by Resolution 17-136, adopted on September 8, 2017, the Council approved for inclusion in the 2018 HSAC Legislative Package a proposed State bill, entitled "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSIENT ACCOMMODATIONS TAX," and transmitted this Maui County proposal to the HSAC Executive Committee for approval by the other councils; and

WHEREAS, the HSAC Executive Committee members authorized a correction to the proposed State bill approved by Resolution 17-136, entitled "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSIENT ACCOMMODATIONS TAX," to conform to Act 1 (2017), which was signed into law by the Governor on September 5, 2017, and allocated \$103,000,000 (rather than \$93,000,000) of the transient accommodations taxes to the counties, and the corrected proposed State bill replaces Resolution 17-136 in the attachments (Exhibit "7"); and

WHEREAS, five other proposals were submitted by the County of Kauai for inclusion in the 2018 HSAC Legislative Package, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ZONING";

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION" (Income Tax Credit for Hiring an Individual with a Disability);

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- "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION" (Income Tax Credit for Hiring an Elderly Individual);
- "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSIENT ACCOMMODATIONS TAX"; and
- "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AUTOMATIC FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEMS"; and
- WHEREAS, the ten proposals from the 2017 HSAC Legislative Package are proposed for inclusion in the 2018 package, entitled:
  - "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GOVERNMENT RECORDS";
  - "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL LANDS";
  - "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING";
  - "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TORT LIABILITY";
  - "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO UNADJUDICATED TRAFFIC FINES";
  - "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES";
  - "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES";
  - "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMMUNITY MEETINGS";
  - "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO IDENTIFICATION CARDS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES"; and
  - "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSIENT ACCOMMODATIONS TAX"; and

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WHEREAS, by correspondence dated September 28, 2017, attached as Exhibit "A," HSAC President Dru Kanuha informed the Council of the seventeen proposals that have been submitted for possible inclusion in the 2018 HSAC Legislative Package; and

WHEREAS, no further action is needed from the Council for the two Maui County proposals; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this resolution is to approve the other fifteen proposals; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui:

- 1. That it hereby approves the following proposals, described in Exhibit "A," for inclusion in the 2018 Hawaii State Association of Counties Legislative Package:
  - A. "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ZONING" (proposed by Kauai County), attached as Exhibit "1";
  - B. "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION" (Income Tax Credit for Hiring an Individual with a Disability) (proposed by Kauai County), attached as Exhibit "2";
  - C. "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION" (Income Tax Credit for Hiring an Elderly Individual) (proposed by Kauai County), attached as Exhibit "3";
  - D. "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSIENT ACCOMMODATIONS TAX" (proposed by Kauai County), attached as Exhibit "4";
  - E. "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AUTOMATIC FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEMS" (proposed by Kauai County), attached as Exhibit "5";
  - F. "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GOVERNMENT RECORDS" (from the 2017 HSAC package), attached as Exhibit "8";

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- G. "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL LANDS" (from the 2017 HSAC package), attached as Exhibit "9";
- H. "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING" (from the 2017 HSAC package), attached as Exhibit "10";
- I. "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TORT LIABILITY" (from the 2017 HSAC package), attached as Exhibit "11";
- J. "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO UNADJUDICATED TRAFFIC FINES" (from the 2017 HSAC package), attached as Exhibit "12";
- K. "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES" (from the 2017 HSAC package), attached as Exhibit "13";
- L. "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES" (from the 2017 HSAC package), attached as Exhibit "14";
- M. "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMMUNITY MEETINGS" (from the 2017 HSAC package), attached as Exhibit "15";
- N. "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO IDENTIFICATION CARDS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES" (from the 2017 HSAC package), attached as Exhibit "16";
- O. "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSIENT ACCOMMODATIONS TAX" (from the 2017 HSAC package), attached as Exhibit "17"; and
- 2. That a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the HSAC Executive Committee.

### Hawai'i State Association of Counties (HSAC)

Counties of Kaua'i, Maui, Hawai'i and City & County of Honolulu



September 28, 2017

Council Chair Mike White and Members of the Maui County Council 200 South High Street Kalana O Maui Bldg., #708 Wailuku, HI 96793

Dear Council Chair Mike White and Members of the Maui County Council:

Attached for your consideration are proposals to be included in the 2018 Hawai'i State Association of Counties (HSAC) Legislative Package, which were approved by the HSAC Executive Committee on September 11, 2017. Please note that pursuant to Section 13C of the Bylaws of the Hawai'i State Association of Counties, Inc., proposals must be approved by all four County Counties in order to be included in the final package.

#### **2018 HSAC LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE**

- 1. A Bill For An Act Relating to Zoning (Proposed by the County of Kaua'i)
- 2. A Bill For An Act Relating to Taxation; Income Tax Credit For Hiring An Individual with a Disability (Proposed by the County of Kaua'i)
- 3. A Bill For An Act Relating to Taxation; Income Tax Credit For Hiring An Elderly Individual
- 4. A Bill For An Act Relating to Transient Accommodations Tax (Proposed by the County of Kaua'i)
- 5. A Bill For An Act Relating to Automatic Fire Suppression Systems (Proposed by the County of Kaua'i)
- 6. A Bill For An Act Relating to the Conveyance Tax (Proposed by Maui County Council)
- 7. A Bill For An Act Relating to Transient Accommodations Tax; to Require Online Travel Companies and other Transient Accommodations Remarketers to Pay Transient Accommodations Tax on their Respective Portions of Gross Rental Proceeds from the Payment of Accommodations (*Proposed by Maui County Council*)
- 8. A Bill For An Act Relating to Government Records (Carry over from 2017 HSAC package proposed originally by Maui County Council)
- 9. A Bill For An Act Relating to Important Agricultural Lands (Carry over from 2017 HSAC package proposed originally by Maui County Council)
- 10. A Bill For An Act Relating to Collective Bargaining (Carry over from 2017 HSAC package proposed originally by Maui County Council)
- 11. A Bill For An Act Relating to Tort Liability (Carry over from 2017 HSAC package proposed originally by Kaua'i County Council)
- 12. A Bill For An Act Relating to Unadjudicated Traffic Fines (Carry over from 2017 HSAC package proposed originally by Kaua'i County Council)





- 13. A Bill For An Act Relating to Emergency Medical Services (Carry over from 2017 HSAC package proposed originally by Kaua'i County Council)
- 14. A Bill For An Act Relating to Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (Carry over from 2017 HSAC package proposed originally by City & County of Honolulu)
- 15. A Bill For An Act Relating to Community Meetings (Carry over from 2017 HSAC package proposed originally by Maui County Council)
- 16. A Bill For An Act Relating to Identification Cards For Persons With Disabilities (Carry over from 2017 HSAC package proposed originally by Maui County Council)
- 17. A Bill For An Act Relating to Transient Accommodations Tax (Carry over from 2017 HSAC package proposed originally by Maui County Council)

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call HSAC President Dru Kanuha's office at 808-323-4267.

Sincerely,

Dru Kanuha HSAC President

cc: Stacy Crivello, Council Member

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### A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ZONING

#### BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I:

SECTION 1. Section 46-4, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

"(a) This section and any ordinance, rule, or regulation adopted in accordance with this section shall apply to lands not contained within the forest reserve boundaries as established on January 31, 1957, or as subsequently amended.

Zoning in all counties shall be accomplished within the framework of a long-range, comprehensive general plan prepared or being prepared to guide the overall future development of the county. Zoning shall be one of the tools available to the county to put the general plan into effect in an orderly manner. Zoning in the counties of Hawai'i, Maui, and Kaua'i means the establishment of districts of such number, shape, and area, and the adoption of regulations for each district to carry out the purposes of this section. In establishing or regulating the districts, full consideration shall be given to all available data as to soil classification and physical use capabilities of the land



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1	to allow and encourage the most beneficial use of the land consonant with
2	good zoning practices. The zoning power granted herein shall be exercised by
3	ordinance which may relate to:
4	(1) The areas within which agriculture, forestry, industry,
5	trade, and business may be conducted;
6	(2) The areas in which residential uses may be regulated or
7	prohibited;
8	(3) The areas bordering natural watercourses, channels, and
9	streams, in which trades or industries, filling or dumping, erection of
10	structures, and the location of buildings may be prohibited or
11	restricted;
12	(4) The areas in which particular uses may be subjected to
13	special restrictions;
14	(5) The location of buildings and structures designed for
15	specific uses and designation of uses for which buildings and
16	structures may not be used or altered;
17	(6) The location, height, bulk, number of stories, and size of
18	buildings and other structures;
19	(7) The location of roads, schools, and recreation areas;
20	(8) Building setback lines and future street lines;
21	(9) The density and distribution of population:

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1	(10) The percentage of a lot that may be occupied, size of
2	yards, courts, and other open spaces;
3	(11) Minimum and maximum lot sizes; and
4	(12) Other regulations the boards or city council find necessary
5	and proper to permit and encourage the orderly development of land
6	resources within their jurisdictions.
7	The council of any county shall prescribe rules, regulations, and
8	administrative procedures and provide personnel it finds necessary to enforce
9	this section and any ordinance enacted in accordance with this section. The
10	ordinances may be enforced by appropriate fines and penalties, civil or
11	criminal, or by court order at the suit of the county or the owner or owners of
12	real estate directly affected by the ordinances.
13	Any civil fine or penalty provided by ordinance under this section may
14	be imposed by the district court, or by the zoning agency after an opportunity
15	for a hearing pursuant to chapter 91. The proceeding shall not be a
16	prerequisite for any injunctive relief ordered by the circuit court.
17	Nothing in this section shall invalidate any zoning ordinance or
18	regulation adopted by any county or other agency of government pursuant to
19	the statutes in effect prior to July 1, 1957.

The powers granted herein shall be liberally construed in favor of the

county exercising them, and in such a manner as to promote the orderly

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development of each county or city and county in accordance with a long-range, comprehensive general plan to ensure the greatest benefit for the State as a whole. This section shall not be construed to limit or repeal any powers of any county to achieve these ends through zoning and building regulations, except insofar as forest and water reserve zones are concerned and as provided in subsections (c) and (d).

Neither this section nor any ordinance enacted pursuant to this section shall prohibit the continued lawful use of any building or premises for any trade, industrial, residential, agricultural, or other purpose for which the building or premises is used at the time this section or the ordinance takes effect; provided that a zoning ordinance may provide for elimination of nonconforming uses as the uses are discontinued, or for the amortization or phasing out of nonconforming uses or signs over a reasonable period of time in commercial, industrial, resort, and apartment zoned areas only[-]: and provided further that a zoning ordinance may provide for the amortization or phasing out of nonconforming single-family transient vacation rental units or nonconforming single-family transient vacation units over a reasonable period of time in an area of any zoning classification. In no event shall such amortization or phasing out of nonconforming uses apply to any existing building or premises used for residential (single-family or duplex) or

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1	agricultural uses. Nothing in this section shall affect or impair the powers
2	and duties of the director of transportation as set forth in chapter 262."
3	SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and
4	stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
5	SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
6	Introduced by:

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Report Title: County Zoning; Single-Family Transient Vacation Rentals

Description: Clarifies County zoning authority by distinguishing Single-Family residential use from Single-Family vacation rental use and allowing amortization by ordinance for Single-Family Transient Vacation Rentals over a reasonable period.

The summary description of legislation appearing on this page is for informational purposes only and is not legislation or evidence of legislative intent.

#### JUSTIFICATION SHEET

Title: A Bill For An Act Relating to Zoning

Purpose: This proposed Bill for an Act distinguishes Single-Family residential

use from Single-Family vacation rental use, and allows amortization by Ordinance for Single-Family Transient Vacation Rentals over a

reasonable period of time.

Means: Amends Section 46-4 of the Hawai'i Revised Statutes

Justification: This proposed Bill was introduced by several Legislators during

the 2014 Hawai'i State Legislative Session, addressing the issue regarding Single-Family Transient Vacation Rentals and whether they should be treated as residential or resort units. It is evident that the vacation rental market has grown over the year and has significantly impacted many residential areas. The current statute allows certain vacation rental operations to circumvent many regulatory controls and claim their use is residential. To properly regulate and align non-conforming vacation rentals with other similar uses, this proposal distinguishes Single-Family residential use from Single-Family vacation rental use, and allows amortization by ordinance for

Single-Family Transient Vacation Rentals over a reasonable

period of time.

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### A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TAXATION.

#### BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I:

SECTION 1. Section 235, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

"§235- Income tax credit for hiring an individual with a disability. (a) There shall be allowed to each taxpayer subject to the tax imposed by this chapter, a credit for the hiring of an individual with a disability that shall be deductible from the taxpayer's net income tax liability, if any, imposed by this chapter for the taxable year in which the credit is properly claimed.

(b) The amount of the credit shall be equal to fifty per cent of the qualified wages for the first six months after an individual with a disability is initially hired. A tax credit that exceeds the taxpayer's income tax liability may be used as a credit against the taxpayer's income tax liability in subsequent years until exhausted; provided that in no taxable year shall the total amount of the tax credit claimed under this section exceed \$ per taxpayer.

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1	(c) Certification of an individual with a disability for the purpose of
2	claiming a credit under this section shall be submitted to the department of
3	taxation on forms prescribed by the department of taxation.
4	(d) An individual shall not be treated as an individual with a
5	disability unless, on or before the day on which the individual begins work for
6	the employer, the employer has received certification from a qualified
7	physician. If an individual has been certified as an individual with a
8	disability and the certification is incorrect because it was based on false
9	information provided by the individual, the certification shall be revoked and
10	wages paid by the employer after the date on which notice of revocation is
11	received by the employer shall not be treated as qualified wages.
12	In any request for a certification of an individual as an individual with
13	a disability, the employer shall certify that a good faith effort was made to
14	determine that such individual is an individual with a disability.
15	(e) The following wages paid to an individual with a disability are
16	ineligible to be claimed by the employer for this credit:
17	(1) No wages shall be taken into account under this section
18	with respect to an individual with a disability who:
19	a. Bears any of the relationships described in
20	section 152(d)(2)(A) through (G) of the Internal
21	Revenue Code to the taxpayer, or, if the taxpayer is

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1		a corporation, to an individual who owns, directly
2		or indirectly, more than fifty per cent in value of
3		the outstanding stock of the corporation
4		(determined with the application of Section 267(c)
5		of this Internal Revenue Code);
6		b. If the taxpayer is an estate or trust, is a grantor,
7		beneficiary, or fiduciary of the estate or trust, or is
8		an individual who bears any of the relationships
9		described in Section 152(d)(2)(A) through (G) of the
10		Internal Revenue Code to a grantor, beneficiary or
11		fiduciary of the estate or trust; or
12		c. Is a dependent (described in Section 152(d)(2)(H) of
13		the Internal Revenue Code) of the taxpayer, or, if
14		the taxpayer is an estate or trust, of a grantor,
15		beneficiary, or fiduciary of the estate or trust; and
16	<u>(2)</u>	No wages shall be taken into account under this section
17		with respect to any individual with a disability if, prior to
18		the day the individual is hired by the employer, the
19	·	individual had been employed by the employer at any
20		time.

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1	(f) In the case of a successor employer referred to in
2	Section 3306(b)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code, the determination of the
3	amount of the tax credit allowable under this section with respect to wages
4	paid by the successor employer shall be made in the same manner as if the
5	wages were paid by the predecessor employer referred to in the section.
6	(g) Claims for the tax credit under this section, including any
7	amended claims, shall be filed on or before the end of the twelfth month
8	following the taxable year for which the credit may be claimed. Failure to
9	comply with the foregoing provision shall constitute a waiver of the right to
10	claim the tax credit.
11	(h) The Director of Taxation:
12	(1) Shall prepare any forms necessary to claim a credit under
13	this section;
14	(2) May require a taxpayer to furnish reasonable information
15	to ascertain the validity of a claim for credit; and
16	(3) May adopt rules pursuant to Chapter 91 to effectuate the
17	purposes of this Section.
18	(i) For purposes of this section:
19	"Individual with a disability" means an individual having a
20	physical or intellectual impairment that substantially limits one or
21	more major life activities, having a record of that impairment, or being

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1	regarded as having that impairment; provided that the disabling
2	impairment is certified by a qualified physician.
3	"Qualified physician" means:
4	(1) A physician or osteopathic physician licensed under
5	Chapter 453;
6	(2) A qualified out-of-state physician who is currently
7	licensed to practice in the state in which the physician resides;
8	<u>or</u>
9	(3) A commissioned medical officer in the United
10	States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Public Health Service,
11	engaged in the discharge of one's official duty.
12	"Qualified wages" means wages attributable to work rendered
13	by an individual with a disability for the six-month period after the
14	individual is initially hired.
15	"Wages" means wages, commissions, fees, salaries, bonuses, and
16	every and all other kinds of remuneration for, or compensation
17	attributable to, services performed by an employee for the employee's
18	employer, including the cash value of all remuneration paid in any
19	medium other than cash and the cost-of-living allowances and other
20	payments included in gross income by Section 235-7(b), but excluding

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### **Report Title:**

Individual with a Disability; Employment; Income Tax Credit

#### **Description:**

Provides a taxpayer who hires an individual with a disability a nonrefundable tax credit for the six-month period after the individual is initially hired by the taxpayer.

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### A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TAXATION.

#### BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I:

1	SECTION 1. Section 235, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, is amended by
2	adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:
3	"§235- Income tax credit for hiring an elderly individual.
4	(a) There shall be allowed to each taxpayer subject to the tax
5	imposed by this chapter, a credit for the hiring of an elderly individual that
6	shall be deductible from the taxpayer's net income tax liability, if any,
7	imposed by this chapter for the taxable year in which the credit is properly
8	claimed.
9	(b) The amount of the credit shall be equal to fifty per cent of the
10	qualified wages for the first six months after the elderly individual is initially
11	hired. A tax credit that exceeds the taxpayer's income tax liability may be
12	used as a credit against the taxpayer's income tax liability in subsequent
13	years until exhausted; provided that in no taxable year shall the total
14	amount of the tax credit claimed under this section exceed \$ per
15	taxpayer.

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1	(c) The following wages paid to an elderly individual are ineligible
2	to be claimed by the employer for this credit:
3	(1) No wages shall be taken into account under this section
4	with respect to an elderly individual who:
5	a. Bears any of the relationships described in section
6	152(d)(2)(A) through (G) of the Internal Revenue Code
7	to the taxpayer, or, if the taxpayer is a corporation, to
8	an individual who owns, directly or indirectly, more
9	than fifty per cent in value of the outstanding stock of
10	the corporation (determined with the application of
11	section 267(c) of this Internal Revenue Code);
12	b. If the taxpayer is an estate or trust, is a grantor,
13	beneficiary, or fiduciary of the estate or trust, or is an
14	individual who bears any of the relationships
15	described in section 152(d)(2)(A) through (G) of the
16	Internal Revenue Code to a grantor, beneficiary or
17	fiduciary of the estate or trust; or
18	c. Is a dependent (described in section 152(d)(2)(H) of the
19	Internal Revenue Code) of the taxpayer, or, if the
20	taxpayer is an estate or trust, of a grantor, beneficiary,
21	or fiduciary of the estate or trust; and

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1	(2) No wages shall be taken into account under this section
2	with respect to any elderly individual if, prior to the day the individual
3	is hired by the employer, the individual had been employed by the
4	employer at any time.
5	(d) In the case of a successor employer referred to in section
6	3306(b)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code, the determination of the amount of
7	the tax credit allowable under this section with respect to wages paid by the
8	successor employer shall be made in the same manner as if the wages were
9	paid by the predecessor employer referred to in the section.
10	(e) Claims for the tax credit under this section, including any
11	amended claims, shall be filed on or before the end of the twelfth month
12	following the taxable year for which the credit may be claimed. Failure to
13	comply with the foregoing provision shall constitute a waiver of the right to
14	claim the tax credit.
15	(f) The director of taxation:
16	(1) Shall prepare any forms necessary to claim a credit under
17	this section;
18	(2) May require a taxpayer to furnish reasonable information
19	to ascertain the validity of a claim for credit; and
20	(3) May adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91 to effectuate the
21	purposes of this section.

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1	(f) For purposes of this section:
2	"Elderly individual" means an individual who is sixty-seven
3	years of age or older.
4	"Qualified wages" means wages attributable to work rendered
5	by an elderly individual for the six-month period after the individual is
6	initially hired.
7	"Wages" means wages, commissions, fees, salaries, bonuses, and
8	every and all other kinds of remuneration for, or compensation
9	attributable to, services performed by an employee for the employee's
10	employer, including the cash value of all remuneration paid in any
11	medium other than cash and the cost-of-living allowances and other
12	payments included in gross income by section 235-7(b), but excluding
13	income excluded from gross income by section 235-7 or other provisions
14	of this chapter."
15	SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.
16	SECTION 3. This Act, upon its approval, shall apply to taxable years
17	beginning after December 31, 2017.
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### Report Title:

Taxation; Income Tax Credit; Elderly

### **Description:**

Provides a taxpayer who hires an elderly individual a nonrefundable tax credit for the six-month period after the individual is initially hired by the taxpayer.

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### A BILL FOR AN ACT

#### RELATING TO TRANSIENT ACCOMMODATIONS TAX.

### BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I:

1	SECTION 1.	The purpose of this Act is to eliminate the cap established
2	for the distribution of tran	sient accommodations tax revenues to the counties.
3	SECTION 2.	Section 237D-6.5, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, is amended
4	by amending subsection (b	) to read as follows:
5	"(b) Reven	ues collected under this chapter shall be distributed in the
6	following priority, v	with the excess revenues to be deposited into the general
7	fund:	
8	(1)	\$1,500,000 shall be allocated to the Turtle Bay
9	conservation	easement special fund beginning July 1, 2015, for the
10	reimburseme	nt to the state general fund of debt service on
11	reimbursable	general obligation bonds, including ongoing expenses
12	related to the	issuance of the bonds, the proceeds of which were used to
13	acquire the c	onservation easement and other real property interests in
14	Turtle Bay, (	O'ahu, for the protection, preservation, and enhancement

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1	of natural resources important to the State, until the bonds are fully
2	amortized;
3	(2) \$26,500,000 shall be allocated to the convention center
4	enterprise special fund established under section 201B-8;
5	(3) \$82,000,000 shall be allocated to the tourism special fund
6	established under section 201B-11; provided that:
7	(A) Beginning on July 1, 2012, and ending on
8	June 30, 2015, \$2,000,000 shall be expended from the tourism
9	special fund for development and implementation of initiatives
10	to take advantage of expanded visa programs and increased
11	travel opportunities for international visitors to Hawaii;
12	(B) Of the \$82,000,000 allocated:
13	(i) \$1,000,000 shall be allocated for the
14	operation of a Hawaiian center and the museum of
15	Hawaiian music and dance at the Hawaii Convention
16	Center; and
17	(ii) 0.5 per cent of the \$82,000,000 shall be
18	transferred to a sub-account in the tourism special fund to
19	provide funding for a safety and security budget, in
20	accordance with the Hawai'i Tourism Strategic
21	Plan 2005-2015; and

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(C) Of the revenues remaining in the tourism special fund after revenues have been deposited as provided in this paragraph and except for any sum authorized by the legislature for expenditure from revenues subject to this paragraph, beginning July 1, 2007, funds shall be deposited into the tourism emergency special fund, established in section 201B-10, in a manner sufficient to maintain a fund balance of \$5,000,000 in the tourism emergency special fund: 

(4) [\$103,000,000 for fiscal year 2014-2015, \$103,000,000 for fiscal year 2015-2016, \$103,000,000 for fiscal year 2016-2017, and \$93,000,000 for each fiscal year thereafter] 44.8 percent of the revenues collected under this chapter after revenues have been deposited as provided in this section shall be allocated to the counties and distributed as follows: Kaua'i County shall receive 14.5 per cent, Hawai'i County shall receive 18.6 per cent, City and County of Honolulu shall receive 44.1 per cent, and Maui County shall receive 22.8 per cent; provided that commencing with Fiscal Year 2018-2019, a sum that represents the difference between a County public employer's annual required contribution for the separate trust fund established under Section 87A-42 and the amount of the County public employer's contributions into that trust fund shall be retained by the State Director of Finance and deposited to the credit of the County public employer's annual required

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contribution into that trust fund in each fiscal year, as provided in Section 87A-42, if the respective county fails to remit the total amount of the county's required annual contributions, as required under Section 87A-43;

- (5) \$3,000,000 shall be allocated to the special land and development fund established under Section 171-19; provided that the allocation shall be expended in accordance with the Hawaii tourism authority strategic plan for:
  - (A) The protection, preservation, maintenance, and enhancement of natural resources, including beaches, important to the visitor industry;
    - (B) Planning, construction, and repair of facilities; and
  - (C) Operation and maintenance costs of public lands, including beaches, connected with enhancing the visitor experience; and

All transient accommodations taxes shall be paid into the state treasury each month within ten days after collection and shall be kept by the State Director of Finance in special accounts for distribution as provided in this subsection.

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

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- 1 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 3 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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## Report Title:

Transient Accommodations Tax

## **Description:**

Removes the cap for distribution of transient accommodations tax revenues to the counties.

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RELATING TO AUTOMATIC FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEMS.

#### BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I:

1	SECTION 1. The legislature finds that an automatic fire suppression
2	system in one- or two-family dwellings are rare in the State. One reason for the
3	lack of an automatic fire suppression system in one- or two-family dwellings is the
4	cost of installing automatic fire suppression systems. The legislature finds that an
5	incentive is needed to promote the installation of automatic fire suppression system
6	in one- or two-family dwellings in the State.
7	The purpose of this Act is to provide an incentive to install an automatic fire
8	suppression system in any new detached one- or two-family dwelling unit that is in
9	a structure which is used only for residential purposes by establishing a tax credit
10	comprising a percentage of the actual costs of the system, including installation.
11	SECTION 2. Section 235, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, is amended by
12	adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:
13	"§235- Tax credit to promote the installation of an
14	automatic fire suppression system in residences. (a) Any qualifying
15	taxpayer who files an individual income tax return for a taxable year may



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claim an income tax credit under this section against the Hawai'i state individual net income tax.

- (b) The tax credit may be claimed for every eligible automatic fire suppression system that is installed and placed in service by the taxpayer during the taxable year in any new detached one- or two-family dwelling unit that is in a structure which is used only for residential purposes. For each automatic fire suppression system, the tax credit that may be claimed shall be twenty-five per cent of the actual cost of the system, including installation costs; provided that multiple owners of a single automatic fire suppression system shall be entitled to a single tax credit; and provided further that the tax credit shall be apportioned between the owners in proportion to their contribution to the cost of the automatic fire suppression system.
- exceeds the amount of the income tax payments due from the taxpayer, the excess of credit over payments due shall be refunded to the taxpayer; provided that the tax credit properly claimed by a taxpayer who has no income tax liability shall be paid to the taxpayer; and provided that no refunds or payments on account of the tax credit allowed by this section shall be made for amounts less than \$1.

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1	(d) The director of taxation shall prepare such forms as may be
2	necessary to claim a credit under this section, may require proof of the claim
3	for the tax credit, and may adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91.
4	(e) All of the provisions relating to assessments and refunds under
5	this chapter and under section 231-23(c)(1) shall apply to the tax credit under
6	this section.
7	(f) Claims for the tax credit under this section, including any
8	amended claims, shall be filed on or before the end of the twelfth month
9	following the taxable year for which the credit may be claimed."
10	SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.
11	SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval and shall
12	apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017; provided that this Act
13	shall be repealed on June 30, 2025.
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### Report Title:

Automatic Fire Suppression System; Tax Credit

#### **Description:**

Establishes a tax credit of twenty-five per cent of the total cost, including installation, of an automatic fire suppression system in any new detached one- or two-family dwelling unit in a structure used only for residential purposes. Sunsets on June 30, 2025.

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# Resolution

**No.** 17-135

APPROVING FOR INCLUSION IN THE 2018
HAWAII STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES
LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE A STATE BILL TO
INCREASE REVENUE FOR EACH COUNTY'S
AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND THROUGH A
ONE PERCENT CONVEYANCE TAX

WHEREAS, the lack of affordable housing in every county in the State is a crisis; and

WHEREAS, each county's affordable housing situation is unique, and solutions and funding are best managed locally; and

WHEREAS, a statewide mechanism to allow each county to increase revenue for its affordable housing fund is needed; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui:

- 1. That the proposed State bill, attached as Exhibit "A," to increase revenue for each county's affordable housing fund through a one percent conveyance tax on the sale of residential properties over \$2,000,000, is approved for inclusion in the 2018 Hawaii State Association of Counties Legislative Package; and
- 2. That certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Hawaii State Association of Counties Executive Committee.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

AND LEGALITY:

EDWARD S. KUSHI, JR.

Department of the Corporation Counsel

County of Maui

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RELATING TO THE CONVEYANCE TAX.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 247-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 2 amended to read as follows:
- 3 "\$247-2 Basis and rate of tax. The tax imposed by section
- 4 247-1 shall be based on the actual and full consideration
- 5 (whether cash or otherwise, including any promise, act,
- 6 forbearance, property interest, value, gain, advantage, benefit,
- 7 or profit), paid or to be paid for all transfers or conveyance
- 8 of realty or any interest therein, that shall include any liens
- 9 or encumbrances thereon at the time of sale, lease, sublease,
- 10 assignment, transfer, or conveyance, and shall be at the
- 11 following rates:
- 12 (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2):
- (A) Ten cents per \$100 for properties with a value of less than \$600,000;
- 15 (B) Twenty cents per \$100 for properties with a value of at least \$600,000, but less than \$1,000,000;

1		(C)	Thirty cents per \$100 for properties with a value
2			of at least \$1,000,000, but less than \$2,000,000;
3		(D)	Fifty cents per \$100 for properties with a value
4			of at least \$2,000,000, but less than \$4,000,000;
5		(E)	Seventy cents per \$100 for properties with a
6			value of at least \$4,000,000, but less than
7			\$6,000,000;
8		(F)	Ninety cents per \$100 for properties with a value
9			of at least \$6,000,000, but less than
10			\$10,000,000; and
11		(G)	One dollar per \$100 for properties with a value
12			of \$10,000,000 or greater; and
13	(2)	For	the sale of a condominium or single family
14		resi	dence for which the purchaser is ineligible for a
15		coun	ty homeowner's exemption on property tax:
16		(A)	Fifteen cents per \$100 for properties with a
17			value of less than \$600,000;
18		(B)	Twenty-five cents per \$100 for properties with a
19			value of at least \$600,000, but less than
20			\$1,000,000;
21		(C)	Forty cents per \$100 for properties with a value
22			of at least \$1,000,000, but less than \$2,000,000;

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1	(ע)	Sixty cents per \$100 for properties with a value
2		of at least \$2,000,000, but less than \$4,000,000;
3	(E)	Eighty-five cents per \$100 for properties with a
4		value of at least \$4,000,000, but less than
5		\$6,000,000;
6	(F)	One dollar and ten cents per \$100 for properties
7		with a value of at least \$6,000,000, but less
8		than \$10,000,000; and
9	(G)	One dollar and twenty-five cents per \$100 for
10		properties with a value of \$10,000,000 or
11		greater[7]; and
12	(3) In a	ddition to the rate established by paragraph (1)
13	or (:	2), for the sale of a condominium or single family
14	resid	dence: One dollar per \$100 for properties with a
15	value	e of more than \$2,000,000,
16	of such actual	and full consideration; provided that in the case
<b>17</b> .	of a lease or	sublease, this chapter shall apply only to a lease
18	or sublease who	ose full unexpired term is for a period of five
19	years or more,	and in those cases, including (where appropriate)
20	those cases whe	ere the lease has been extended or amended, the
21	tax in this cha	apter shall be based on the cash value of the
22	lease rentals of	discounted to present day value and capitalized at

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- 1 the rate of six per cent, plus the actual and full consideration
- 2 paid or to be paid for any and all improvements, if any, that
- 3 shall include on-site as well as off-site improvements,
- 4 applicable to the leased premises; and provided further that the
- 5 tax imposed for each transaction shall be not less than \$1."
- 6 SECTION 2. Section 247-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 7 amended to read as follows:
- 8 "§247-7 Disposition of taxes. All taxes collected under
- 9 this chapter shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit
- 10 of the general fund of the State, to be used and expended for
- 11 the purposes for which the general fund was created and exists
- 12 by law; provided that of the taxes collected each fiscal year:
- 13 (1) Ten per cent of the revenue from application of the
- rates established in paragraph (1) and (2) of section
- 15 247-2, or \$6,800,000, whichever is less, shall be paid
- into the land conservation fund established pursuant
- to section 173A-5; [and]
- 18 (2) Fifty per cent of the revenue from application of the
- rates established in paragraph (1) and (2) of section
- 20 247-2, or \$38,000,000, whichever is less, shall be
- 21 paid into the rental housing revolving fund
- established by section 201H-202[-]; and

1	(3)	One	hundred percent of the revenue generated in each
2		coun	ty from application of the rate established in
3		para	graph (3) of section 247-2 shall be paid into the
4		resp	ective county's affordable housing fund and shall
5		only	be used to increase the supply of affordable
6		hous	ing by the following means:
7		(A)	the purchase of existing housing units and other
8			interests in real property;
9		(B)	the planning, design, or construction of housing
10			units;
11		<u>(C)</u>	making grants or loans to nonprofit
12			organizations, including community land trusts;
13			<u>or</u>
14		(D)	investment in public infrastructure."
15	SECTI	ON 3	. Statutory material to be deleted is bracketed
16	and in str	ciket	nrough. New statutory material is underscored.
17	SECTI	ON 4	. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
18	provided t	hat	this Act shall be repealed on June 30, 2023.

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## **COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI**

WAILUKU, HAWAII 96793

## **CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION**

It is HEREBY CERTIFIED that RESOLUTION NO. 17-135 was adopted by the Council of the County of Maui, State of Hawaii, on the 8th day of September, 2017, by the following vote:

MEMBERS	Michael B. WHITE Chair	Robert CARROLL Vice-Chair	Alika ATAY	Eleanora COCHRAN	S. Stacy CRIVELLO	Donald S. GUZMAN	G, Riki HOKAMA	Kelly T. KING	Yuki Lei K. SUGIMURA
ROLL CALL	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

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RELATING TO TRANSIENT ACCOMMODATIONS TAX.

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

1	PART I
2	SECTION 1. Since the enactment of Act 340 in 1986,
3	visitors to Hawaii have paid a tax on the retail value of their
4	lodging. Known as the "transient accommodations tax," or "TAT,"
5	the tax is assessed and collected by the operator on the gross
6	rental proceeds derived from furnishing transient accommodations
7	to visitors. Operators are obligated to impose the TAT, collect
8	it from visitors, and pay the tax to the State each month. TAT
9	revenues are then used to support the Hawaii Convention Center;
10	allocated to a special fund to protect, preserve, and maintain
11	natural resources, including beaches, important to the visitor
12	industry; and distributed to the counties to help support
13	services relied upon by tourists such as police and fire
14	protection, ocean safety personnel, parks, water, sewer, and
15	roadways.
16	Act 340 was written prior to the explosion of internet
l <b>7</b>	sales of hotel rooms and fails to capture all required TAT owed
18	to the State. There are a variety of ways visitors can book

- 1 hotel rooms, such as pre-paying their hotel stays through Online
- 2 Travel Companies ("OTCs"). Wholesale travel companies and OTCs
- 3 contract for rooms with hotels at wholesale rates, add their
- 4 mark-up, and then resell rooms to guests. Hotels may only know
- 5 the wholesale, or net, rental rate paid for the room by the OTCs
- 6 and not the full retail rate paid by the guest. OTCs are billed
- 7 for rooms at the wholesale rate and the TAT is collected by
- 8 hotels and paid to the State based on this discounted rate.
- 9 With each online transaction processed in this way, the State
- 10 loses the difference in tax between the wholesale or net rental
- 11 rate and the full retail or gross rental rate.
- 12 The purpose of this Act is to ensure the State receives the
- 13 full amount of TAT calculated based upon the full or gross
- 14 rental price paid by the visitor, whether that amount is
- 15 collected by the local Hawaii operator, travel agent, wholesale
- 16 travel company, or online by an OTC.
- 17 PART II
- 18 SECTION 2. Section 237D-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 19 amended to read as follows:
- 20 "§237D-1 Definitions. Whenever used in this chapter,
- 21 unless the context otherwise requires:
- "Department" means the department of taxation.

1 "Director" means the director of taxation. "Fair market rental value" means an amount equal to 2 one-half of the gross daily maintenance fees that are paid by 3 the owner and are attributable to the time share unit located in 4 Hawaii. Gross daily maintenance fees include maintenance costs, 5 operational costs, insurance, repair costs, administrative 6 costs, taxes, other than transient accommodations taxes, resort 7 fees, and other costs including payments required for reserves 8 or sinking funds. Amounts paid for optional goods and services 9 10 such as food and beverage services or beach chair or umbrella rentals shall be excluded from fair market rental value. 11 "Gross rental" or "gross rental proceeds" means the 12 gross receipts, cash or accrued, of the taxpayer received as 13 14 compensation for the furnishing of transient accommodations and the value proceeding or accruing from the furnishing of such 15 accommodations without any deductions on account of the cost of 16 17 property or services sold, the cost of materials used, labor cost, taxes, royalties, interest, discounts, or any other 18 19 expenses whatsoever. Every taxpayer shall be presumed to be dealing on a cash basis unless the taxpayer proves to the 20 21 satisfaction of the department of taxation that the taxpayer is 22 dealing on an accrual basis and the taxpayer's books are so

- 1 kept, or unless the taxpayer employs or is required to employ
- 2 the accrual basis for the purposes of the tax imposed by chapter
- 3 237 for any taxable year in which event the taxpayer shall
- 4 report the taxpayer's gross income for the purposes of this
- 5 chapter on the accrual basis for the same period.
- 6 The words "gross rental" or "gross rental proceeds"
- 7 shall not be construed to include the amounts of taxes imposed
- 8 by chapter 237 or this chapter on operators of transient
- 9 accommodations and passed on, collected, and received from the
- 10 consumer as part of the receipts received as compensation for
- 11 the furnishing of transient accommodations. Where transient
- 12 accommodations are furnished through arrangements made by a
- 13 transient accommodations remarketer or travel agency [or tour
- 14 packager] as defined under section 468L-1 at noncommissioned
- 15 negotiated contract rates and the gross income is divided
- 16 between the operator of transient accommodations on the one hand
- 17 and the transient accommodations remarketer, or travel agency
- 18 [or tour packager] on the other hand, [gross rental or gross
- 19 rental proceeds to the operator means only the respective
- 20 portion allocated or distributed to the operator, the tax
- 21 imposed by this chapter shall apply to each such person with
- respect to such person's respective portion of the proceeds, and

- 1 no more. For purposes of this definition, where the operator
- 2 maintains a schedule of rates for identifiable groups of
- 3 individuals, such as kamaainas, upon which the accommodations
- 4 are leased, let, or rented, gross rental or gross rental
- 5 proceeds means the receipts collected and received based upon
- 6 the scheduled rates and recorded as receipts in its books and
- 7 records.
- % "Lease", "let", or "rental" means the leasing or
- 9 renting of living quarters or sleeping or housekeeping
- 10 accommodations in hotels, apartment hotels, motels, condominium
- 11 property regimes or apartments defined in chapter 514A or units
- 12 defined in chapter 514B, cooperative apartments, rooming houses,
- or other places in which lodgings are regularly furnished to
- 14 transients for a consideration, without transfer of the title of
- 15 such property.
- 16 "Local contact" means an individual residing on the
- 17 same island as the transient accommodation or resort time share
- 18 vacation unit or an entity with a place of business and at least
- 19 one employee, officer, partner, member, or other person working
- 20 on behalf of the company who is residing on the same island as
- 21 the transient accommodation or resort time share vacation unit.

- 1 "Occupant" means an owner of a resort time share
- 2 vacation plan or other person occupying the resort time share
- 3 vacation unit.
- 4 "Operator" means any person operating a transient
- 5 accommodation, whether as owner or proprietor or as lessee,
- 6 sublessee, mortgagee in possession, licensee, or otherwise, or
- 7 engaging or continuing in any service business which involves
- 8 the actual furnishing of transient accommodation.
- 9 "Owner" means any person who owns a resort time share
- 10 vacation interest; provided that to the extent and for those
- 11 purposes provided in an agreement of sale, the vendee under the
- 12 agreement of sale shall be considered the owner of the resort
- 13 time share vacation interest.
- "Plan manager" means a person who undertakes the
- 15 duties, responsibilities, and obligations of managing a resort
- 16 time share vacation plan or is required to act for a resort time
- 17 share vacation plan under this chapter.
- 18 "Resort time share vacation interest" means any
- 19 interest in a resort time share vacation unit or plan which
- 20 entitles the owner thereof to the use, occupancy, or possession
- of a resort time share vacation unit on a periodically recurring
- 22 basis.

1	"Resort time share vacation plan" means any plan or
2	program subject to chapter 514E in which the use, occupancy, or
3	possession of one or more resort time share vacation units
4	circulates among various persons for less than a sixty-day
5	period in any year, for any occupant. The term resort time
6	share vacation plan includes both resort time share vacation
7	ownership plans and resort time share vacation use plans, as
8	follows:
9	(1) "Resort time share vacation ownership plan" means
10	any arrangement whether by tenancy in common,
11	sale, deed, or by other means, whereby the
12	purchaser receives an ownership interest and the
13	right to use the property for a specific or
14	discernible period by temporal division.
15	(2) "Resort time share vacation use plan" means any
16	arrangement, excluding normal hotel operations,
17	whether by membership agreement, lease, rental
18	agreement, license, use agreement, security, or
19	other means, whereby the purchaser receives a
20	right to use accommodations or facilities, or
21	both, in a resort time share vacation unit for a

specific or discernible period by temporal

1	division, but does not receive an ownership
2	interest.
3	"Resort time share vacation unit" means the actual and
4	promised accommodations, and related facilities, which are the
5	subject of a resort time share vacation plan.
6	"Transient accommodations" means the furnishing of a
7	room, apartment, suite, single family dwelling, or the like to a
8	transient for less than one hundred eighty consecutive days for
9	each letting in a hotel, apartment hotel, motel, condominium
10	property regime or apartment as defined in chapter 514A or unit
11	as defined in chapter 514B, cooperative apartment, dwelling
12	unit, or rooming house that provides living quarters, sleeping,
13	or housekeeping accommodations, or other place in which lodgings
14	are regularly furnished to transients.
15	"Transient accommodations [broker] remarketer" means
16	any person or entity, including but not limited to persons who
17	operate online websites, online travel agencies, or online
18	booking agencies, that offers, lists, advertises, or accepts
19	reservations or collects whole or partial payment for transient
20	accommodations or resort time share vacation interests, units,
21	or plans."

SECTION 3. Section 237D-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 1 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows: 2 Every operator, transient accommodations remarketer 3 4 or travel agency, who collect whole or partial payment for transient accommodations shall pay to the State the tax imposed 5 by subsection (a), as provided in this chapter." 6 SECTION 4. Section 237D-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 7 8 amended by amending subsection (d) to read as follows: "(d) Failure to meet the requirements of subsection (c) 9 shall be unlawful. The department may issue citations to any 10 person, including operators, plan managers, travel agencies and 11 transient accommodations [brokers] remarketers, who violates 12 subsection (c). A citation issued pursuant to this subsection 13 for each transient accommodation or resort time share vacation 14 interest, plan, or unit in violation of subsection (c) shall 15 include a monetary fine of not less than: 16 \$500 per day, for a first violation for which a (1) 17 citation is issued; 18 \$1,000 per day, for a second violation for which (2) 19 a citation is issued; and 20 \$5,000 per day, for a third and any subsequent 21 (3) 22 violation for which a citation is issued."

- 1 SECTION 5. Section 237D-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:
- 3 "(a) On or before the twentieth day of each calendar
- 4 month, every [operator taxable, or plan manager] taxpayer liable
- 5 under this chapter during the preceding calendar month shall
- 6 file a sworn return with the director in such form as the
- 7 director shall prescribe together with a remittance for the
- 8 amount of the tax in the form required by section 237D-6.5.
- 9 Sections 237-30 and 237-32 shall apply to returns and penalties
- 10 made under this chapter to the same extent as if the sections
- 11 were set forth specifically in this section."
- 12 SECTION 6. Section 237D-6.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 13 amended to read as follows:
- 14 "§237D-6.5 Remittances; distribution to counties. (a)
- 15 All remittances of taxes imposed under this chapter shall be
- 16 made by cash, bank drafts, cashier's check, money order, or
- 17 certificate of deposit to the office of the taxation district to
- 18 which the return was transmitted.
- 19 (b) Except for the revenues collected pursuant to
- 20 section 237D-2(e), revenues collected under this chapter shall
- 21 be distributed in the following priority, with the excess
- 22 revenues 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
3		1, 2015, for the reimbursement to the state
4		general fund of debt service on reimbursable
5		general obligation bonds, including ongoing
6		expenses related to the issuance of the bonds,
7		the proceeds of which were used to acquire the
8		conservation easement and other real property
9		interests in Turtle Bay, Oahu, for the
10		protection, preservation, and enhancement of
11		natural resources important to the State, until
12		the bonds are fully amortized;
13	(2)	\$26,500,000 shall be allocated to the convention
14		center enterprise special fund established under
15		section 201B-8;
16	(3)	\$82,000,000 shall be allocated to the tourism
17		special fund established under section 201B-11;
18		provided that:
19		(A) Beginning on July 1, 2012, and ending on
20		June 30, 2015, \$2,000,000 shall be expended
21		from the tourism special fund for

development and implementation of

1		initiatives to take advantage of expanded
2		visa programs and increased travel
3		opportunities for international visitors to
4		Hawaii;
5	(B)	Of the \$82,000,000 allocated:
6		(i) \$1,000,000 shall be allocated for the
7		operation of a Hawaiian center and the
8		museum of Hawaiian music and dance at
9		the Hawaii convention center; and
10		(ii) 0.5 per cent of the \$82,000,000 shall
11		be transferred to a sub-account in the
12		tourism special fund to provide funding
13		for a safety and security budget, in
14		accordance with the Hawaii tourism
15		strategic plan 2005-2015; and
16	(C)	Of the revenues remaining in the tourism
17		special fund after revenues have been
18		deposited as provided in this paragraph and
19		except for any sum authorized by the
20		legislature for expenditure from revenues
21		subject to this paragraph, beginning July 1,
22		2007, funds shall be deposited into the

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tourism emergency special fund, established in section 201B-10, in a manner sufficient to maintain a fund balance of \$5,000,000 in the tourism emergency special fund;

\$103,000,000 shall be allocated as follows:

Kauai county shall receive 14.5 per cent, Hawaii county shall receive 18.6 per cent, city and county of Honolulu shall receive 44.1 per cent, and Maui county shall receive 22.8 per cent; provided that commencing with fiscal year 2018-2019, a sum that represents the difference between a county public employer's annual required contribution for the separate trust fund established under section 87A-42 and the amount of the county public employer's contributions into that trust fund shall be retained by the state director of finance and deposited to the credit of the county public employer's annual required contribution into that trust fund in each fiscal year, as provided in section 87A-42, if the respective county fails to remit the total amount of the county's required annual

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1		cont	ributions, as required under section 87A-43;
2		and	
3	(5)	\$3,0	00,000 shall be allocated to the special land
4		and	development fund established under section
5		171-	19; provided that the allocation shall be
6		expe	nded in accordance with the Hawaii tourism
7		auth	ority strategic plan for:
8		(A)	The protection, preservation, maintenance,
9			and enhancement of natural resources,
10			including beaches, important to the visitor
11			industry;
12		(B)	Planning, construction, and repair of
13			facilities; and
14		(C)	Operation and maintenance costs of public
15			lands, including beaches, connected with
16			enhancing the visitor experience.
17	All	trans	ient accommodations taxes shall be paid into
18	the state trea	sury	each month within ten days after collection
19	and shall be k	ept b	y the state director of finance in special
20	accounts for d	istri:	bution as provided in this subsection.

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twelve-month period beginning on July 1 of a calendar year and 2 ending on June 30 of the following calendar year. 3 4 In addition to the taxes apportioned to the counties in subsection (b)(4), any TAT collected from transient 5 accommodations remarketers or travel agencies shall be paid to 6 the counties in the same percentage as set forth in subsection 7 (b)(4). 8 [+(e)-] (d) On or before January or July 1 of each year 9 or after the disposition of any tax appeal with respect to an 10 assessment for periods after June 30, 1990, the state director 11 of finance shall compute and pay the amount due as provided in 12 subsection (b) to the director of finance of each county to 13

As used in this subsection, "fiscal year" means the

16 SECTION 7. Section 237D-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 17 amended to read as follows:

except as otherwise provided by law."

become a general realization of the county expendable as such,

18 "§237D-7 Annual return. On or before the twentieth day of 19 the fourth month following the close of the taxable year, every 20 person who has become liable for the payment of the taxes under 21 this chapter during the preceding tax year shall file a return 22 summarizing that person's liability under this chapter for the

- 1 year, in such form as the director prescribes. The [operator or
- 2 plan manager] taxpayer shall transmit with the return a
- 3 remittance covering the residue of the tax chargeable to the
- 4 [operator or plan manager] taxpayer, if any, to the office of
- 5 the appropriate state district tax assessor designated in
- 6 section 237D-8. The return shall be signed by the taxpayer, if
- 7 made by an individual, or by the president, vice-president,
- 8 secretary, or treasurer of a corporation, if made on behalf of a
- 9 corporation. If made on behalf of a partnership, firm, society,
- 10 unincorporated association, group, hui, joint adventure, joint
- 11 stock company, corporation, trust estate, decedent's estate,
- 12 trust, or other entity, any individual delegated by the entity
- 13 shall sign the same on behalf of the taxpayer. If for any
- 14 reason it is not practicable for the individual taxpayer to sign
- 15 the return, it may be done by any duly authorized agent. The
- 16 department, for good cause shown, may extend the time for making
- 17 the return on the application of any taxpayer and grant such
- 18 reasonable additional time within which to make the return as
- 19 the department may deem advisable.
- 20 Section 232-2 applies to the annual return, but not to a
- 21 monthly return."

Section 237D-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 1 SECTION 8. amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows: 2 If any [operator or plan manager] taxpayer fails to 3 make a return as required by this chapter, the director shall 4 5 make an estimate of the tax liability of the [operator or plan manager] taxpayer from any information the director obtains, and 6 according to the estimate so made, assess the taxes, interest, 7 and penalty due the State from the [operator or plan manager] 8 taxpayer, give notice of the assessment to the [operator or plan 9 manager] taxpayer, and make demand upon the [operator or plan 10 11 manager] taxpayer for payment. The assessment shall be presumed to be correct until and unless, upon an appeal duly taken as 12 provided in section 237D-11, the contrary shall be clearly 13 proved by the person assessed, and the burden of proof upon such 14 appeal shall be upon the person assessed to disprove the 15 correctness of assessment." 16 SECTION 9. Section 237D-10, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 17 amended to read as follows: 18 "§237D-10 Overpayment; refunds. Upon application by [an 19 operator or plan manager] a taxpayer, if the director determines 20 that any tax, interest, or penalty has been paid more than once, 21

or has been erroneously or illegally collected or computed, the

1	tax,	interest,	or	penalty	shall	be	credited	by	the	director	on

- any taxes then due from the [operator or plan manager] taxpayer
- 3 under this chapter. The director shall refund the balance to
- 4 the [operator or plan manager] taxpayer or the [operator's or
- 5 plan manager's taxpayer's successors, administrators,
- 6 executors, or assigns in accordance with section 231-23. No
- 7 credit or refund shall be allowed for any tax imposed by this
- 8 chapter, unless a claim for such credit or refund is filed as
- 9 follows:
- 10 (1) If an annual return is timely filed, or is filed
- 11 within three years after the date prescribed for
- filing the annual return, then the credit or
- refund shall be claimed within three years after
- the date the annual return was filed or the date
- prescribed for filing the annual return,
- whichever is later.
- 17 (2) If an annual return is not filed, or is filed
- more than three years after the date prescribed
- for filing the annual return, a claim for credit
- or refund shall be filed within:
- 21 (A) Three years after the payment of the tax; or

1	(B) Three years after the date prescribed for
2	the filing of the annual return, whichever
3	is later.
4	Paragraphs (1) and (2) are mutually exclusive. The
5	preceding limitation shall not apply to a credit or refund
6	pursuant to an appeal, provided for in section 237D-11.
7	As to all tax payments for which a refund or credit is
8	not authorized by this section (including, without prejudice to
9	the generality of the foregoing, cases of unconstitutionality),
10	the remedies provided by appeal or by section 40-35 are
11	exclusive."
12	SECTION 10. Section 237D-12, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
13	amended to read as follows:
14	"§237D-12 Records to be kept; examination. Every
15	[ <del>operator and plan manager</del> ] <u>taxpayer</u> shall keep in the English
16	language within the State, and preserve for a period of three
17	years, suitable records of gross rental, gross rental proceeds,
18	or fair market rental value relating to the business taxed under
19	this chapter, and such other books, records of account, and
20	invoices as may be required by the department, and all such
21	books, records, and invoices shall be open for examination at
22	any time by the department or the Multistate Tax Commission

1	pursuant to chapter 255, or the authorized representative
2	thereof."
3	SECTION 11. Statutory material to be deleted is bracketed
4	and in strike through. New statutory material is underscored.
5	SECTION 12. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.
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RELATING TO GOVERNMENT RECORDS.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 92-2.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 2 amended to read as follows:
- 3 "Permitted interactions of members. (a) Two members of a
- 4 board may discuss between themselves matters relating to
- 5 official board business to enable them to perform their duties
- 6 faithfully, as long as no commitment to vote is made or sought
- 7 and the two members do not constitute a quorum of their board.
- 8 (b) Two or more members of a board, but less than the
- 9 number of members [which] that would constitute a quorum for the
- 10 board, may be assigned to:
- 11 (1) Investigate a matter relating to the official business
- 12 of their board; provided that:
- 13 (A) The scope of the investigation and the scope of
- 14 each member's authority are defined at a meeting of the
- 15 board;

- (B) All resulting findings and recommendations are
   presented to the board at a meeting of the board; and
- (C) Deliberation and decisionmaking on the matter

  investigated, if any, occurs only at a duly noticed meeting

  of the board held subsequent to the meeting at which the

  findings and recommendations of the investigation were

  presented to the board; or
- 8 (2) Present, discuss, or negotiate any position [which]
- 9 that the board has adopted at a meeting of the board; provided
- 10 that the assignment is made and the scope of each member's
- 11 authority is defined at a meeting of the board prior to the
- 12 presentation, discussion, or negotiation.
- 13 (c) Discussions between two or more members of a board, but less
- 14 than the number of members which would constitute a quorum for
- 15 the board, concerning the selection of the board's officers may
- 16 be conducted in private without limitation or subsequent
- 17 reporting.
- 18 (d) Board members present at a meeting that must be canceled for
- 19 lack of quorum or terminated pursuant to section 92-3.5(c) may

- 1 nonetheless receive testimony and presentations on items on the
- 2 agenda and question the testifiers or presenters; provided that:
- 3 (1) Deliberation or decisionmaking on any item, for which
- 4 testimony or presentations are received, occurs only at a duly
- 5 noticed meeting of the board held subsequent to the meeting at
- 6 which the testimony and presentations were received;
- 7 (2) The members present shall create a record of the oral
- 8 testimony or presentations in the same manner as would be
- 9 required by section 92-9 for testimony or presentations heard
- 10 during a meeting of the board; and
- 11 (3) Before its deliberation or decisionmaking at a
- 12 subsequent meeting, the board shall:
- (A) Provide copies of the testimony and presentations
- received at the canceled meeting to all members of the
- 15 board; and
- 16 (B) Receive a report by the members who were present
- at the canceled or terminated meeting about the testimony
- and presentations received.

- 1 (e) Two or more members of a board, but less than the number of
- 2 members [which] that would constitute a quorum for the board,
- 3 may attend an informational meeting or presentation on matters
- 4 relating to official board business, including a meeting of
- 5 another entity, legislative hearing, convention, seminar, or
- 6 community meeting; provided that the meeting or presentation is
- 7 not specifically and exclusively organized for or directed
- 8 toward members of the board. The board members in attendance may
- 9 participate in discussions, including discussions among
- 10 themselves; provided that the discussions occur during and as
- 11 part of the informational meeting or presentation; and provided
- 12 further that no commitment relating to a vote on the matter is
- 13 made or sought.
- 14 At the next duly noticed meeting of the board, the board members
- 15 shall report their attendance and the matters presented and
- 16 discussed that related to official board business at the
- 17 informational meeting or presentation.
- 18 (f) Discussions between the governor and one or more members of
- 19 a board may be conducted in private without limitation or
- 20 subsequent reporting; provided that the discussion does not
- 21 relate to a matter over which a board is exercising its
- 22 adjudicatory function.

- 1 (g) Discussions between two or more members of a board and the
- 2 head of a department to which the board is administratively
- 3 assigned may be conducted in private without limitation;
- 4 provided that the discussion is limited to matters specified in
- 5 section 26-35.
- 6 (h) A member of a board may provide, by memorandum or other
- 7 means of transmittal, other members of the board any government
- 8 record for which disclosure is required by section 92F-12;
- 9 provided that:
- 10 (1) No commitment relating to a vote on the matter is made
- or sought by the board member in the means of transmittal; and
- 12 (2) No additional discussion other than a statement
- 13 describing the government record and the issue related to the
- 14 government record shall be included in the transmittal.
- 15 [\(\frac{(h)}{}\)] (i) Communications, interactions, discussions,
- 16 investigations, and presentations described in this section are
- 17 not meetings for purposes of this part."
- 18 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 19 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 20 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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RELATING TO IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL LANDS.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Article XI, section 3 of the Hawaii State
- 2 Constitution establishes the State's duty to "conserve and
- 3 protect agricultural lands, promote diversified agriculture,
- 4 increase agricultural self-sufficiency and assure the
- 5 availability of agriculturally suitable lands" and provides
- 6 protections for lands identified as important agricultural
- 7 lands. In service of this duty, the legislature enacted Act
- 8 183, Session Laws of Hawaii 2005, which was codified in part III
- 9 of chapter 205, Hawaii Revised Statutes.
- 10 Act 183 directed each county to work with government and
- 11 community stakeholders to, within sixty months of receipt of
- 12 State funds for the purpose, identify and map potential
- 13 important agricultural lands within its jurisdiction and make
- 14 recommendations to the State Land Use Commission for the
- 15 designation of these lands as important agricultural
- 16 lands. Once designated, agricultural operations on important
- 17 agricultural lands are eligible for a variety of State and



- 1 county assistance and incentive programs including grants and
- 2 other funding assistance, tax incentives, favorable
- 3 infrastructure and permit requirements, and farm and business
- 4 education assistance. The legislature finds that, to date, most
- 5 counties have not received State funds to assist with their
- 6 identification and mapping duties under Act 183.
- 7 The purpose of this Act is to implement Act 183 in
- 8 accordance with the State's constitutional duty to protect
- 9 important agricultural lands by providing funds to the counties
- 10 for the identification and mapping of important agricultural
- 11 lands.
- 12 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
- 13 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$250,000, or so much
- 14 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018, and the
- 15 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
- 16 2018-2019, for grants-in-aid to the counties for the
- 17 identification and mapping of important agricultural lands
- 18 pursuant to section 205-47, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to be
- 19 allocated as follows:
- 20 (1) \$ 62,500 to the County of Hawaii;
- 21 (2) \$ 62,500 to the City and County of Honolulu;
- 22 (3) \$ 62,500 to the County of Kauai; and

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- 1 (4) \$ 62,500 to the County of Maui.
- 2 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
- 3 of business, economic development, and tourism for the purposes
- 4 of this Act.
- 5 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

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RELATING TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING.

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

- SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to allow a
  representative of each county council to be present as a nonvoting participant in negotiations with bargaining units if the
- 4 relevant county has employees in the particular bargaining unit.
- 5 County councils have the duty to appropriate funds for
- 6 their counties. Councils' knowledge of bargaining unit
- 7 negotiations and associated costs is essential to enable
- 8 effective financial planning for the counties.
- 9 SECTION 2. Section 89-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 10 amended by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:
- "(d) For the purpose of negotiating a collective
- 12 bargaining agreement, the public employer of an appropriate
- 13 bargaining unit shall mean the governor together with the
- 14 following employers:
- 15 (1) For bargaining units (1), (2), (3), (4), (9), (10),
- 16 (13), and (14), the governor shall have six votes and
- the mayors, the chief justice, and the Hawaii health
- 18 systems corporation board shall each have one vote if



1		they have employees in the particular bargaining unit;
2		and one representative from each county council shall
3		be allowed to attend as a non-voting participant
4		during negotiations if their county has employees in
5		the particular bargaining unit;
6	(2)	For bargaining units (11) and (12), the governor shall
7		have [four votes] one vote and the mayors shall each
8		have one vote; and one representative from each county
9		council shall be allowed to attend as a non-voting
10		participant during negotiations if their county has
11		employees in the particular bargaining unit;
12	(3)	For bargaining units (5) and (6), the governor shall
13		have three votes, the board of education shall have
14		two votes, and the superintendent of education shall
15		have one vote; and
16	(4)	For bargaining units (7) and (8), the governor shall
17		have three votes, the board of regents of the
18		University of Hawaii shall have two votes, and the
19		president of the University of Hawaii shall have one
20		vote.
21	(5)	The mayor or the mayor's representative shall provide
22		timely updates relating to bargaining unit

1 negotiations to the county councils in an executive 2 meeting. Any decision to be reached by the applicable employer group 3 shall be on the basis of simple majority, except when a 4 5 bargaining unit includes county employees from more than one county. In that case, the simple majority shall include at 6 least one county." 7 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be deleted is bracketed 8 and in strikethrough. New statutory material is underscored. 9 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval. 10 INTRODUCED BY:

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RELATING TO TORT LIABILITY.

### BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I:

1	SECTION 1. Act 170, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2002, a	s
2	amended by section 4 of Act 152, Session Laws of Hawaii 2007, a	s
3	amended by section 2 of Act 81, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2009, a	S
4	amended by section 1 of Act 98, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2014, i	.s
5	amended by amending section 5 to read as follows:	
6	"SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval	. <b>-</b>
7	[ repealed on June 1 of this Act shall be repe	æ
8	<del>30, 2017]."</del>	
9	SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed i	.s
10	bracketed and stricken.	
11	SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon it	s
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RELATING TO UNADJUDICATED TRAFFIC FINES.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 291C, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new part to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

#### "PART . TRANSMITTAL OF TRAFFIC FINES

#### AND FORFEITURES TO COUNTIES

**§291C-A Definitions**. As used in this part, unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

"Traffic infractions" means the same as defined under section 291D-2.

"Uncontested traffic infraction" means a traffic infraction for which the person noticed under section 291D-5 does not contest the infraction. A person "does not contest" an infraction if, in accordance with section 291D-6(b)(1), the person admits the commission of the infraction without requesting a hearing to explain mitigating circumstances and pays or remits bail forfeiture by mail, via the Internet, or by telephone within thirty days.

\$291C-B Transmittal of fines and forfeitures from July 1, 2017. (a) Beginning July 1, 2017, the director of finance shall transmit to each county, not more than thirty days after the end of each fiscal quarter, all the fines and forfeitures collected for uncontested traffic infractions committed in that county that are in excess of amounts required by the State to pay the administrative costs of the traffic violations bureau. The fines and forfeitures shall be directed to the county in which the citations were issued. This section shall not apply to:

- (1) Fines and forfeitures for violations that occur on state off-street parking facilities, parks, airports, and harbors that are subject to enforcement by the State; and
- (2) Fines and forfeitures that are required by law to be paid into a special, revolving, or trust fund.

No county shall be entitled to any portion of the fines and forfeitures described in this subsection."

SECTION 2. Section 291C-171, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

"(a) All fines and forfeitures collected upon conviction or upon the forfeiture of bail of any person charged with a

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violation of any section or provision of the state traffic laws and all assessments collected relating to the commission of traffic infractions shall be paid to the director of finance of the State. The judiciary shall identify those fines paid for uncontested traffic infractions as defined in section 291C-A. The disposition of fines and forfeitures paid to the director of finance shall be subject to sections 291C-B."

SECTION 3. In codifying the new sections added by section 1 of this Act, the revisor of statutes shall substitute appropriate section numbers for the letters used in designating the new sections in this Act.

- SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.
- SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

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MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.

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

SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to the department of health for the purchase of an ambulance vehicle and the operational costs for one ambulance unit, including equipment, supplies, and personnel costs for state-certified emergency medical services personnel, for a twenty-four-hour, seven-days-a-week, ambulance unit for the county of Kaua'i.

SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017 - 2018 for the purchase of an ambulance vehicle and the operational costs for one ambulance unit, including equipment, supplies, and personnel costs for state-certified emergency medical services personnel, for a twenty-four-hour, seven-days-a-week, ambulance units for the counties of Kaua'i and Hawai'i.

The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of health for the purposes of this Act.

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SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

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RELATING TO UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that unmanned aerial
- vehicles are becoming increasingly popular in Hawaii and the
- 3 rest of the United States. Hobbyists use them for recreational
- 4 purposes, and businesses and government entities use them in a
- 5 plethora of ways that benefit society and individual residents.
- 6 The federal government is regulating the use of these devices as
- 7 the airways see more usage by all stakeholders.
- 8 The purpose of this Act is to establish unmanned aerial
- 9 vehicle laws and rules that complement federal rules and
- 10 regulation.
- 11 SECTION 2. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by
- 12 adding a new chapter to be appropriately designated and to read
- 13 as follows:
- 14 "CHAPTER
- 15 UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES
- 16 § -1 Definitions. As used in this chapter:

"Department" means the department of commerce and consumer 1 affairs. 2 "Director" means the director of commerce and consumer 3 affairs. "Operator" means any person using or operating an unmanned 5 aerial vehicle. "Personal information" means all information that: 7 Describes, locates, or indexes information or data (1)relating to a person, including but not limited to physical location, social security number, driver's 10 license number, government-issued identification 11 number, student identification number, real or 12 personal property holdings identified in tax filings, 13 educational records, financial transactions, medical 14 history, ancestry, religious affiliation, political 15 ideology or affiliation, criminal record, or 16 employment history; 17 (2) Affords a basis for inferring personal 18 characteristics, such as facial recognition and other 19 20 biometric identification technology, fingerprints, voiceprints, or photographs; or 21

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Indicates a person's membership in or association with

an organization, participation in an activity, or 2 admission or entrance to an institution or facility. 3 "Unmanned aerial vehicle" means a powered vehicle that does not carry a human operator, uses aerodynamic forces to provide 5 vehicle lift, can fly autonomously or be piloted remotely, and 6 can be expendable or recoverable. "Unmanned aerial vehicle" 7 does not include a remote controlled airplane. 8 S -2 Powers and duties of the director. In addition to 9 any other powers and duties authorized by law, the director 10 shall: 11 12 Adopt, amend, or repeal rules as the director deems proper to fully effectuate this chapter; 13 (2) Impose a fine on an operator for any cause prescribed 14 by this chapter, or for any violation of this chapter 15 or any rule adopted pursuant to this chapter; and 16 Investigate the use of any unmanned aerial vehicle 17 (3) reported to be in violation of this chapter or any 18 rule adopted pursuant to this chapter. 19 -3 Prohibited acts; penalty. (a) No person shall 20 S operate an unmanned aerial vehicle: 21

1 (	Ι)	in violation of chapter 203 of any applicable rederal
2		law and Federal Aviation Administration regulations
3		relating to the operation of unmanned aerial vehicles;
4 (	2)	Within five miles of an airport;
5 (	3)	Within five hundred feet of an emergency response
6		vehicle or first responder during an emergency, unless
7		the unmanned aerial vehicle is operated pursuant to
8		section -4(b);
9 (	4)	To intentionally collect personal information or
10		intentionally publish or distribute personal
11		information acquired through the operation of an
12		unmanned aerial vehicle without express written
13		consent from the person whose personal information is
14		acquired;
15 (	5)	At an altitude higher than four hundred feet above
16		ground level;
17 (	6)	Outside the visual line of sight of the operator. The
18		operator shall use natural vision to maintain at all
19		times an unobstructed view of the unmanned aerial
20		vehicle without the use of vision enhancing devices,
21		including but not limited to binoculars, night vision

1		goggl	es, powered vision magnifying devices, or similar
2		devid	es;
3	(7)	In a	manner that interferes with, or fails to give way
4		to, a	ny manned aircraft;
5	(8)	Whene	ever weather conditions impair the operator's
6		abili	ty to safely operate the unmanned aerial vehicle;
7	(9)	Over	any open air assembly unit, school, school yard,
8		hospi	tal, place of worship, prison, or police station
9		witho	out the property owner's written consent and
10		subje	ect to any restrictions that the property owner
11		may i	mpose on the operation of the unmanned aerial
12		vehic	cle;
13	(10)	(A)	Within five hundred feet of any water intake
14			facility or any electric generating facility,
15			substation, or control center;
16		(B)	Within one hundred feet of any electric
17			transmission facility;
18		(C)	Within twenty-five feet or any electric
19			distribution facility or of any overhead cable,
20			wire, conveyor, or similar equipment for the
21			transmission of sounds or signals, or of heat,

1		light, or power, or of data, upon or along any
2		public way,
3		without the facility or equipment owner's written
4		consent and subject to any restrictions that the
5		facility or equipment owner may impose on the
6		operation of the unmanned aerial vehicle;
7	(11)	While under the influence of any intoxicating liquor
8		as defined in section 281-1, intoxicating compound as
9		defined in section 712-1240, or other drug, or any
10		combination thereof;
11	(12)	With the intent to use the unmanned aerial vehicle or
12		anything attached to it to cause harm to persons or
13		property;
14	(13)	In a reckless or careless manner; or
15	(14)	In violation of any federal or state law.
16	(b)	All data and personal information collected through
17	the use	of an unmanned aerial vehicle shall not be use or
18	repurpos	ed for any purpose other than the original purpose for
19	which th	e data or personal information was collected.
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1	(c) Any person who operates an unmanned aerial vehicle in
2	violation of this chapter shall pay a civil penalty of
3	\$ for each separate offense.
4	(d) All penalties collected by the department shall be
5	deposited into the compliance resolution fund under section
6	26-9(o) for the purpose of enforcing this chapter.
7	§ -4 Prohibited uses by law enforcement agencies;
8	exceptions. (a) No law enforcement agency shall use an
9	unmanned aerial vehicle to gather evidence or other information
10	pertaining to criminal conduct or conduct in violation of a
11	statute, ordinance, or administrative rule without first
12	obtaining a warrant.
13	(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) and in addition to the
14	authorized activities under section -5, a law enforcement or
15	public safety agency may deploy an unmanned aerial vehicle for
16	the following purposes:
17	(1) When there is a reasonable belief that an emergency
18	situation exists, whether or not the situation
19	involves criminal activity, and the use of an unmanned
20	aerial vehicle is necessary to prevent immediate
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1		danger of death or serious physical injury to any
2		person;
3	(2)	To conduct a search and rescue operation where the use
4		of an unmanned aerial vehicle is determined to be
5		necessary to alleviate an immediate danger to any
6		person;
7	(3)	To respond to a hostage situation; or
8	(4)	To conduct training exercises related to any purposes
9		in this subsection.
10	S	-5 Public agency exceptions. Nothing in this chapter
11	shall pro	hibit the use of unmanned aerial vehicles by a public
12	agency:	
13	(1)	To conduct environmental or disaster response,
14		including but not limited to disaster relief, victim
15		recovery or search and rescue, and monitoring,
16		inspection, underwater repair, or structural damage
17		assessments;
18	(2)	To dispose of a suspected or actual explosive device;
19	(3)	To monitor plant or animal populations;
20	(4)	To conduct atmospheric testing or monitoring;
21	(5)	For farming and agricultural uses;

- 1 (6) To review traffic congestion and conditions;
- 2 (7) To survey or inspect public lands and property; or
- 3 (8) To survey the ocean and coastline.
- 4 § -6 Weapons; prohibited. In no case shall a person or
- 5 public agency equip an unmanned aerial vehicle with a weapon or
- 6 or deploy an unmanned aerial vehicle that is equipped with a
- 7 weapon.
- 8 For the purpose of this section, "weapon" means any device
- 9 designed to harm or incapacitate a human being by use of a
- 10 projectile, explosive, biological or chemical agent,
- 11 electricity, visible or invisible directed energy, radiation, or
- 12 any other means.
- 13 § -7 Civil cause of action; remedies. (a) An
- 14 individual shall have a civil cause of action against any person
- 15 that collects, publishes, or distributes the individual's
- 16 personal information in violation of this chapter.
- 17 (b) In any civil action brought under this section, if the
- 18 court finds a violation, the court may award:
- 19 (1) Injunctive relief;
- 20 (2) Equitable relief;
- 21 (3) Compensatory damages;

(4) Punitive damages, except as prohibited by section 1 662-2; 2 (5) Costs of the action; and 3 (6) Reasonable attorney's fees." 4 SECTION 3. Chapter 711, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 5 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows: Unmanned aerial vehicles; prohibited acts. (1) "711-8 It shall be unlawful for any person to intentionally, knowingly, 9 or recklessly use an unmanned aerial vehicle to record or 10 photograph a person in a private place without the consent of 11 the person for the purpose of spying on the person or invading 12 the privacy of another person with an unlawful purpose, under 13 14 circumstances in which a reasonable person in the private place would not expect to be observed. 15 (2) Violation of this section is a misdemeanor. In 16 addition to any penalties the court may impose, the court may 17 order the destruction of any recording or photograph made in 18 violation of this section." 19 SECTION 4. Section 711-1100, Hawaii Revised Statues, is 20 amended as follows: 21

1	1. By adding a new definition to be appropriately inserted
2	and to read:
3	""Unmanned aerial vehicle" means a powered vehicle that
4	does not carry a human operator, uses aerodynamic forces to
5	provide vehicle lift, can fly autonomously or be piloted
6	remotely, and can be expendable or recoverable."
7	2. By the definition of "record" to read:
8	""Record", for the purposes of section 711-1110.9 [and],
9	711-1111, and 711- , means to videotape, film, photograph, or
10	archive electronically or digitally."
11	SECTION 5. Section 711-1110.9, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
12	amended by amending subsection (1) to read as follows:
13	"(1) A person commits the offense of violation of privacy
14	in the first degree if, except in the execution of a public duty
15	or as authorized by law:
16	(a) The person intentionally or knowingly installs or
17	uses, or both, in any private place, without consent
18	of the person or persons entitled to privacy therein,
19	any device, including an unmanned aerial vehicle, for
20	observing, recording, amplifying, or broadcasting
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1		another person in a stage of undress or sexual
2	,	activity in that place; or
3	(b)	The person knowingly discloses an image or video of
4		another identifiable person either in the nude, as
5		defined in section 712-1210, or engaging in sexual
6		conduct, as defined in section 712-1210, without the
7		consent of the depicted person, with intent to harm
8		substantially the depicted person with respect to that
9		person's health, safety, business, calling, career,
10		financial condition, reputation, or personal
11		relationships; provided that:
12		(i) This paragraph shall not apply to images or
13		videos of the depicted person made:
14		(A) When the person was voluntarily nude in
15		public or voluntarily engaging in sexual
16		conduct in public; or
17		(B) Pursuant to a voluntary commercial
18		transaction; and
19		(ii) Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to
20		impose liability on a provider of "electronic
21		communication service" or "remote computing

1	service" as those terms are defined in section
2	803-41, for an image or video disclosed through
3	the electronic communication service or remote
4	computing service by another person."
5	SECTION 6. Section 711-1111, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
6	amended by amending subsection (1) to read as follows:
7	"(1) A person commits the offense of violation of privacy
8	in the second degree if, except in the execution of a public
9	duty or as authorized by law, the person intentionally:
10	(a) Trespasses on property for the purpose of subjecting
11	anyone to eavesdropping or other surveillance in a
12	private place;
13	(b) Peers or peeps into a window or other opening of a
14	dwelling or other structure adapted for sojourn or
15	overnight accommodations for the purpose of spying on
16	the occupant thereof or invading the privacy of
17	another person with a lewd or unlawful purpose, under
18	circumstances in which a reasonable person in the
19	dwelling or other structure would not expect to be
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 the actor;

Installs or uses, or both, in any private place, without consent of the person or persons entitled to privacy therein, any means or device, including an unmanned aerial vehicle, for observing, recording, amplifying, or broadcasting sounds or events in that place other than another person in a stage of undress or sexual activity; provided that this paragraph shall not prohibit a person from making a video or audio recording or taking a photograph of a law enforcement officer while the officer is in the performance of the officer's duties in a public place or under circumstances in which the officer has no reasonable expectation of privacy and the person is not interfering with the officer's ability to maintain safety and control, secure crime scenes and accident sites, protect the integrity and confidentiality of investigations, and protect the public safety and order;

(e) Installs or uses outside a private place any device, including an unmanned aerial vehicle, for hearing,

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1		recording, amplifying, or broadcasting sounds			
2		originating in that place which would not ordinarily			
3		be audible or comprehensible outside, without the			
4		consent of the person or persons entitled to privacy			
5		therein;			
6	(f)	Covertly records or broadcasts an image of another			
7		person's intimate area underneath clothing, by use of			
8		any device, including an unmanned aerial vehicle, and			
9		that image is taken while that person is in a public			
10		place and without that person's consent;			
11	(g)	Intercepts, without the consent of the sender or			
12		receiver, a message or photographic image by			
13		telephone, telegraph, letter, electronic transmission,			
14		or other means of communicating privately; but this			
15		paragraph does not apply to:			
16		(i) Overhearing of messages through a regularly			
17		installed instrument on a telephone party line or			
18		an extension; or			
19		(ii) Interception by the telephone company, electronic			
20		mail account provider, or telephone or electronic			
21		mail subscriber incident to enforcement of			

1	regulations limiting use of the facilities or
2	incident to other operation and use;
3	(h) Divulges, without the consent of the sender or the
4	receiver, the existence or contents of any message or
5	photographic image by telephone, telegraph, letter,
6	electronic transmission, or other means of
7	communicating privately, if the accused knows that the
8	message or photographic image was unlawfully
9	intercepted or if the accused learned of the message
10	or photographic image in the course of employment with
11	an agency engaged in transmitting it; or
12	(i) Knowingly possesses materials created under
13	circumstances prohibited in section 711-1110.9."
14	SECTION 7. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
15	matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
16	begun before its effective date.
17	SECTION 8. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
18	and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
19	SECTION 9. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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RELATING TO COMMUNITY MEETINGS.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 92-2.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 2 amended to read as follows:
- 3 "\\$92-2.5 Permitted interactions of members. (a) Two
- 4 members of a board may discuss between themselves matters
- 5 relating to official board business to enable them to perform
- 6 their duties faithfully, as long as no commitment to vote is
- 7 made or sought and the two members do not constitute a quorum of
- 8 their board.
- 9 (b) Two or more members of a board, but less than the
- 10 number of members which would constitute a quorum for the board,
- 11 may be assigned to:
- 12 (1) Investigate a matter relating to the official business
- 13 of their board; provided that:
- (A) The scope of the investigation and the scope of
- 15 each member's authority are defined at a meeting of the board;

- 1 (B) All resulting findings and recommendations are
- 2 presented to the board at a meeting of the board; and
- 3 (C) Deliberation and decisionmaking on the matter
- 4 investigated, if any, occurs only at a duly noticed meeting of
- 5 the board held subsequent to the meeting at which the findings
- 6 and recommendations of the investigation were presented to the
- 7 board; or
- 8 (2) Present, discuss, or negotiate any position which the
- 9 board has adopted at a meeting of the board; provided that the
- 10 assignment is made and the scope of each member's authority is
- 11 defined at a meeting of the board prior to the presentation,
- 12 discussion, or negotiation.
- 13 (c) Discussions between two or more members of a board,
- 14 but less than the number of members which would constitute a
- 15 quorum for the board, concerning the selection of the board's
- 16 officers may be conducted in private without limitation or
- 17 subsequent reporting.
- (d) Board members present at a meeting that must be
- 19 canceled for lack of quorum or terminated pursuant to section
- 20 92-3.5(c) may nonetheless receive testimony and presentations on
- 21 items on the agenda and question the testifiers or presenters;
- 22 provided that:

- 1 (1) Deliberation or decisionmaking on any item, for which
- 2 testimony or presentations are received, occurs only at a duly
- 3 noticed meeting of the board held subsequent to the meeting at
- 4 which the testimony and presentations were received;
- 5 (2) The members present shall create a record of the oral
- 6 testimony or presentations in the same manner as would be
- 7 required by section 92-9 for testimony or presentations heard
- 8 during a meeting of the board; and
- 9 (3) Before its deliberation or decisionmaking at a
- 10 subsequent meeting, the board shall:
- 11 (A) Provide copies of the testimony and presentations
- 12 received at the canceled meeting to all members of the board;
- **13** and
- 14 (B) Receive a report by the members who were present
- 15 at the canceled or terminated meeting about the testimony and
- 16 presentations received.
- 17 (e) Two or more members of a board, but less than the
- 18 number of members which would constitute a quorum for the board,
- 19 may attend an informational meeting or presentation on matters
- 20 relating to official board business, including a meeting of
- 21 another entity, legislative hearing, convention, seminar, or
- 22 community meeting open to the public; provided that the meeting

- 1 or presentation is not specifically and exclusively organized
- 2 for or directed toward members of the board. The board members
- 3 in attendance may participate in discussions, including
- 4 discussions among themselves; provided that the discussions
- 5 occur during and as part of the informational meeting or
- 6 presentation; and provided further that no commitment relating
- 7 to a vote on the matter is made or sought.
- 8 At the next duly noticed meeting of the board, the board
- 9 members shall report their attendance and the matters presented
- 10 and discussed that related to official board business at the
- 11 informational meeting or presentation.
- 12 (f) Discussions between the governor and one or more
- 13 members of a board may be conducted in private without
- 14 limitation or subsequent reporting; provided that the discussion
- 15 does not relate to a matter over which a board is exercising its
- 16 adjudicatory function.
- 17 (g) Discussions between two or more members of a board and
- 18 the head of a department to which the board is administratively
- 19 assigned may be conducted in private without limitation;
- 20 provided that the discussion is limited to matters specified in
- 21 section 26-35.

1	(h) Communications, interactions, discussions,
2	investigations, and presentations described in this section are
3	not meetings for purposes of this part.
4	(i) Notwithstanding section 92-3.1(b) of this chapter, for
5	meetings described in subsection (e), the limitation on number
6	of attendees shall not apply to members of a county council."
7	SECTION 2. Statutory material to be deleted is bracketed
8	and in strikethrough. New statutory material is underscored.
9	SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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RELATING TO IDENTIFICATION CARDS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. This legislature finds that persons with
- 2 disabilities have the desire to indicate on their identification
- 3 cards, such as the State of Hawaii identification card, driver's
- 4 license, or an identification card for persons with
- 5 disabilities, their disability.
- 6 Because not all disabilities are outwardly visible, the
- 7 disclosure of a disability on a driver's license or
- 8 identification card can assist first responders in determining
- 9 the best way to treat, assist, or communicate with the person.
- 10 Having a license or identification card clearly indicating
- a person's disability will allow the person access to certain
- 12 services such as special seating on public transit or at public
- 13 events. The "disabled" notification on the card indicates that
- 14 a person has a disability and does not take the place of
- 15 existing public service qualification procedures.



- 1 To mitigate potential abuse, medical documentation is
- 2 required to support a person's request for indication of a
- 3 disability on their identification card.
- 4 Those who choose to include information about their
- 5 disability on their driver's license, State identification card,
- 6 and identification card for persons with disabilities may do so
- 7 under this Act.
- 8 SECTION 2. Section 286-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 9 amended by adding new definitions to be appropriately inserted
- 10 and to read as follows:
- "Disability" means any physical, mental, or neurological
- 12 impairment that severely restricts a person's mobility, manual
- 13 dexterity, or ability to climb stairs; substantial loss of sight
- or hearing; loss of one or more limbs or use thereof; or
- 15 significantly diminished reasoning capacity.
- "Person with disabilities" means any person with a
- 17 permanent or temporary disability.
- SECTION 3. Chapter 286, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
- 19 by adding a new section to part VI to be appropriately
- 20 designated and to read as follows:
- 21 "S286- Driver's license for persons with disabilities.

Persons with disabilities may opt to identify their 1 disability on their driver's license upon receipt of the 2 required documentation as stated in this section, from the 3 person requesting its inclusion. The driver's license shall display the "disabled" notation on a location designated by the 5 department." 6 SECTION 4. Section 286-305, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 7 amended to read as follows: 8 "\$286-305 Contents and characteristics; form. (a) Each 9 identification card issued by the examiner of drivers shall 10 display a distinguishing number assigned to the cardholder, and 11 shall display the following inscription: 12 "STATE OF HAWAII IDENTIFICATION CARD" 13 (b) The examiner of drivers, after obtaining the 14 fingerprint of the applicant as provided in this part and after 15 obtaining the information required by or pursuant to this part, 16 shall issue to each applicant an identification card in a form 17 and with identifying information that the director deems 18 necessary and appropriate, including a notation of veteran 19 status, if desired by the applicant, on the front of the card 20 where applicable; provided that such notation shall not include 21

any designation other than the term "veteran". As used in this

- 1 subsection, "veteran" means any person who served in any of the
- 2 uniformed services of the United States and was discharged under
- 3 conditions other than dishonorable.
- 4 (c) The identification card shall not display the
- 5 cardholder's social security number.
- 6 (d) The identification card shall be designed to prevent
- 7 its reproduction or alteration without ready detection.
- 8 (e) The identification card for individuals under twenty-
- 9 one years of age shall have characteristics prescribed by the
- 10 examiner distinguishing it from that issued to [a] an individual
- 11 who is twenty-one years of age or older.
- (f) Persons with disabilities may opt to identify their
- 13 disability on their identification card upon receipt of the
- 14 required documentation from the person requesting its inclusion.
- 15 The identification card shall display a notation of disability
- 16 status, if desired by the applicant, on the front of the card
- 17 where applicable; except that such notation shall not include
- any designation other than the term "disabled.""
- 19 SECTION 5. Chapter 286, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
- 20 by adding a new section to part XVI to be appropriately
- 21 designated and to read as follows:

1	"§286- Identification card for persons with
2	disabilities. (a) The department shall issue identification
3	cards to persons with disabilities pursuant to section 286-305.
4	(b) The identification card for persons with disabilities
5	shall include characteristics and content pursuant to section
6	286-305. On the reverse side of the identification card shall be
7	a space within which the department shall enter such disability
8	information the applicant may request.
9	(c) The department may include a notation of disability
10	status, if desired by the applicant, on the front and may print
11	the disability information on the reverse on any driver's
12	license or identification card issued pursuant to the provisions
13	of this chapter upon receipt of the required documentation from
14	the person requesting its inclusion.
15	(d) Temporary disabilities. An identification card for
16	persons with a temporary disability shall be issued upon
17	presentation of a sworn affidavit of at least one medical doctor
18	attesting to such disability and estimating the duration of the
19	disability. Identification cards indicating temporary
20	disabilities shall be issued for periods of one year, and a
21	current affidavit of a medical doctor attesting to the

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- 1 continuance of such disability shall be presented at each
- 2 request thereafter."
- 3 SECTION 6. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 5 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on January 2, 2018.

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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRANSIENT ACCOMMODATIONS TAX.

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

PART I

SECTION 1. (a) The legislature finds that:

(1) Pursuant to Act 174, Session Laws of Hawaii 2014, the state-county functions working group was convened to evaluate the division of duties and responsibilities between the State and counties relating to the provision of public services and to recommend an appropriate allocation of the transient accommodations tax revenues between the State and counties that properly reflects the division of duties and responsibilities relating to the provision of public services;

(2) Though the transient accommodations tax has evolved to meet the needs and purposes of the times, its structure and frequent amendment, combined with the cyclical nature of the visitor industry and the tax revenues it generates, has resulted in ongoing discussions among the various stakeholders, including the State, the counties, the visitor industry, the Hawaii tourism authority, and other recipients or potential recipients of transient accommodations tax revenues;

(3) The state-county functions working group, composed of state, county, and visitor industry representatives and other knowledgeable and concerned citizens, and which has been aided by experts, considered the legislature's assignment for over a year and delivered to the legislature its final unanimous report, inclusive of analysis, findings, conclusions, and recommendations;

(4) In particular, the state-county functions working group found and concluded that:

(A) The application of the transient accommodations tax and the allocation of its revenues should be simplified



and stabilized so as to be clear, consistent, and predictable over time, in view of the need to invest in tourism as a premier industry;

 (B) The tourism special fund should be provided a priority distribution of the transient accommodations tax revenues at an assured minimum level, adjusted for inflation, and regardless of overall transient accommodations tax collections;

(C) After the priority distribution of the transient accommodations tax revenues to the tourism special fund, existing allocations to the Turtle Bay conservation easement special fund, convention center enterprise special fund, and special land and development fund should be maintained at their current levels, with any additional state funding of these efforts made out of state general funds by separate appropriation;

(D) Based on a review of state and county functions, including tourism expenditures, an appropriate allocation of the remaining transient accommodations tax revenues is fifty-five percent to the state general fund and forty-five percent to the counties; and

(E) There should be no fixed dollar amounts, caps, floors, or similar restrictions on allocations to the State and counties of the remaining revenues; instead, both the State and the county allocations should increase or decrease proportionately with increasing or decreasing transient accommodations tax revenues; and

(5) The state-county functions working group recommendations reflect a fair, balanced, and reasonable compromise of competing needs for scarce resources and provide a sound policy base for the further administration of the transient accommodations tax and its revenues.

(b) The purpose of this Act is to:

(1) Provide a fair, consistent, and predictable priority allocation of transient accommodations tax revenues, of an assured minimum amount, to the tourism special fund;

- (2) Maintain allocation of transient accommodations tax revenues to existing obligations at present levels;
  - (3) Provide a fair, consistent, and predictable allocation of the balance of the transient accommodations tax revenues between the State and the counties; and
  - (4) Provide flexibility to the tourism special fund, State, and counties in the utilization of their respective allocations.

## PART II

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

- "(b) Revenues collected under this chapter shall be distributed in the following priority, with the excess revenues to be deposited into the general fund:
- [(1) \$1,500,000 shall be allocated to the Turtle Bay conservation easement special fund beginning July 1, 2015, for the reimbursement to the state general fund of debt service on reimbursable general obligation bonds, including ongoing expenses related to the issuance of the bonds, the proceeds of which were used to acquire the conservation easement and other real property interests in Turtle Bay, Oahu, for the protection, preservation, and enhancement of natural resources important to the State, until the bonds are fully amortized;]
- (1) \$82,000,000 shall be allocated to the tourism special fund established under section 201B-11; provided that, beginning July 1, 2017, and in each fiscal year thereafter, the dollar amount of revenues allocated to the tourism special fund under this paragraph shall be adjusted by an amount equal to the dollar amount multiplied by the percentage, if any, by which the Honolulu region consumer price index for all urban consumers (CPI-U), or a successor index, as calculated by the United States Department of Labor, for the preceding calendar year exceeds the consumer price index for the calendar year 2016; provided further that:
  - (A) Of the revenues allocated to the tourism special fund:

- (i) \$1,000,000 shall be allocated for the operation of a Hawaiian center and the museum of Hawaiian music and dance at the Hawaii convention center; and
- (ii) 0.5 percent shall be transferred to a sub-account in the tourism special fund to provide funding for a safety and security budget, in accordance with the Hawaii tourism strategic plan; and
- (B) Of the revenues remaining in the tourism special fund after revenues have been deposited as provided in this paragraph and except for any sum authorized by the legislature for expenditure from revenues subject to this paragraph, beginning July 1, 2007, funds shall be deposited into the tourism emergency special fund, established in section 201B-10, in a manner sufficient to maintain a fund balance of \$5,000,000 in the tourism emergency special fund;
- (2) \$26,500,000 shall be allocated to the convention center enterprise special fund established under section 201B-8;
- [(3) \$82,000,000 shall be allocated to the tourism special fund established under section 2018-11; provided that:
- (A) Beginning on July 1, 2012, and ending on June 30, 2015, \$2,000,000 shall be expended from the tourism special fund for development and implementation of initiatives to take advantage of expanded visa programs and increased travel opportunities for international visitors to Hawaii;
  - (B) Of the \$82,000,000 allocated:
- (i) \$1,000,000 shall be allocated for the operation of a Hawaiian center and the museum of Hawaiian music and dance at the Hawaii convention center; and
- (ii) 0.5 per cent of the \$82,000,000 shall be transferred to a sub-account in the tourism special fund to provide funding for a safety and security budget, in accordance with the Hawaii tourism strategic plan 2005-2015; and

(C) Of the revenues remaining in the tourism special fund after revenues have been deposited as provided in this paragraph and except for any sum authorized by the legislature for expenditure from revenues subject to this paragraph, beginning July 1, 2007, funds shall be deposited into the tourism emergency special fund, established in section 2018-10, in a manner sufficient to maintain a fund balance of \$5,000,000 in the tourism emergency special fund;

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

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

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

(C) Operation and maintenance costs of public lands, including beaches, connected with enhancing the visitor experience;

(4) \$1,500,000 shall be allocated to the Turtle Bay conservation easement special fund beginning July 1, 2017, for the reimbursement to the state general fund of debt service on reimbursable general obligation bonds, including ongoing expenses related to the issuance of the bonds, the proceeds of which were used to acquire the conservation easement and other real property interests in Turtle Bay, Oahu, for the protection, preservation, and enhancement of natural resources important to the State, until the bonds are fully amortized; and

[4] (5) [ \$103,000,000 for fiscal year 2014-2015, \$103,000,000 for fiscal year 2015-2016, \$103,000,000 for fiscal year 2016, 2017, and \$93,000,000 for each fiscal year thereafter] Of the remaining revenues collected under this chapter, forty-five percent shall be allocated to the counties and shall be distributed as follows: Kauai county shall receive 14.5 per cent, Hawaii county shall receive 18.6 per cent, city and county of Honolulu shall receive 44.1 per cent, and Maui county shall receive 22.8 per cent; provided that commencing

with fiscal year 2018-2019, a sum that represents the difference between a county public employer's annual required contribution 2 for the separate trust fund established under section 87A-42 and 3 the amount of the county public employer's contributions into that trust fund shall be retained by the state director of 5 finance and deposited to the credit of the county public 6 employer's annual required contribution into that trust fund in 7 each fiscal year, as provided in section 87A-42, if the respective county fails to remit the total amount of the 9 county's required annual contributions, as required under 10 section 87A-43[ + and 11

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

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

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## PART III

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SECTION 3. Section 87A-42, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:

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In any fiscal year subsequent to the 2017-2018 fiscal year in which a county public employer's contributions into the

fund are less than the amount of the annual required 1 contribution, the amount that represents the excess of the 2 annual required contribution over the county public employer's 3 contributions shall be deposited into the fund from a portion of 4 all transient accommodations tax revenues collected by the 5 department of taxation under section [237D-6.5(b)(4).] 237D-6 6.5(b)(5). The director of finance shall deduct the amount 7 necessary to meet the county public employer's annual required 8 contribution from the revenues derived under section [ 237D-9 6.5(b)(4) 237D-6.5(b)(5) and transfer the amount to the board 10 for deposit into the appropriate account of the separate trust 11 fund." 12

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SECTION 4. Section 171-19, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

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There is created in the department a special fund to be designated as the "special land and development fund". Subject to the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920, as amended, and section 5(f) of the Admission Act of 1959, all proceeds of sale of public lands, including interest on deferred payments; all moneys collected under section 171-58 for mineral and water rights; all rents from leases, licenses, and permits derived from public lands; all moneys collected from lessees of public lands within industrial parks; all fees, fines, and other administrative charges collected under this chapter and chapter 183C; a portion of the highway fuel tax collected under chapter 243; all moneys collected by the department for the commercial use of public trails and trail accesses under the jurisdiction of the department; transient accommodations tax revenues collected pursuant to section [237D-6.5(b)(5); 237D-6.5(b)(3); and private contributions for the management, maintenance, and development of trails and accesses shall be set apart in the fund and shall be used only as authorized by the legislature for the following purposes:

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

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(2) For the planning, development, management, operations, or maintenance of all lands and improvements under the control and management of the board pursuant to title 12, including but

not limited to permanent or temporary staff positions who may be appointed without regard to chapter 76; provided that transient accommodations tax revenues allocated to the fund shall be expended as provided in section [237D-6.5(b)(5)+] 237D-6.5(b)(3);

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

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

(5) For the payment of publication notices as required under this chapter; provided that all or a portion of the expenditures may be charged to the purchaser or lessee of public lands or any interest therein under rules adopted by the board;

(6) For the management, maintenance, and development of trails and trail accesses under the jurisdiction of the department;

(7) For the payment to private land developers who have contracted with the board for development of public lands under section 171-60;

(8) For the payment of debt service on revenue bonds issued by the department, and the establishment of debt service and other reserves deemed necessary by the board;

(9) To reimburse the general fund for debt service on general obligation bonds issued to finance departmental projects, where the bonds are designated to be reimbursed from the special land and development fund;

(10) For the protection, planning, management, and regulation of water resources under chapter 174C; and

(11) For other purposes of this chapter."

1	PART IV
2	SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
3	and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
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5	SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.
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