
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII
TO PRESERVE THE COUNTIES' SHARE OF THE TRANSIENT
ACCOMMODATIONS TAX.

1 WHEREAS, the transient accommodations tax is a tax levied
2 by the State on the proceeds derived from furnishing transient
3 accommodations; and
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5 WHEREAS, in the 1990 legislative session, the Hawaii State
6 Legislature enacted Act 185 which gave the counties a share of
7 the transient accommodations tax; and
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9 WHEREAS, according to Conference Committee Report 207, the
10 purpose of Act 185 was to provide a more equitable method of
11 sharing state revenues with the counties rather than continuing
12 with the system existing at the time whereby the counties
13 requested financial assistance through grants in aid from the
14 State; and
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16 WHEREAS, the county share of the tax also provides more
17 stability to county finances and enables improved budgeting and
18 planning; and
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20 WHEREAS, currently, 44.8 percent of the total transient
21 accommodations tax collected by the State is distributed to the
22 counties; of this amount, the revenue is allocated as follows:
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24	Kauai County	-	14.5 percent
25	Hawaii County	-	18.6 percent
26	City and County of Honolulu	-	44.1 percent
27	Maui County	-	<u>22.8 percent</u>
28			100.0 percent; and
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30 WHEREAS, transient accommodations tax revenues account for
31 a significant portion of the counties' general fund budgets; and
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33 WHEREAS, maintaining the current allocation of the
34 transient accommodations tax would allow the counties to



1 continue providing essential government services to visitors and
2 residents; and

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4 WHEREAS, losing the current allocation of the transient
5 accommodations tax would require counties to significantly raise
6 property taxes; now, therefore,

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8 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
9 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
10 of 2012, that the Governor and the Legislature are urged to
11 preserve the counties' share of the transient accommodations
12 tax; and

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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
15 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the President of the
16 Hawaii State Association of Counties, and the Mayors of the
17 counties of Kauai, Hawaii, and Maui, and the City and County of
18 Honolulu.

