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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HOTELS.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the coronavirus  
2 disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic continues to threaten the  
3 health and safety of the public, especially those healthcare  
4 workers and first responders who are at a higher risk of  
5 exposure to COVID-19. The legislature also finds that from  
6 April 6, 2020, to May 31, 2020, the Hawaii tourism authority,  
7 Hawaii Visitors and Convention Bureau, and Hawaii Lodging and  
8 Tourism Association worked collaboratively to implement a hotels  
9 for heroes program. This program provided complimentary hotel  
10 rooms to certain healthcare workers and first responders who  
11 wished to avoid exposing their respective households and  
12 families to COVID-19. Following a request for the Hawaii  
13 emergency management agency to provide safe housing for  
14 healthcare workers and first responders, the agency, in  
15 collaboration with the Hawaii tourism authority and the Hawaii  
16 Visitors and Convention Bureau, developed a hotels for heroes



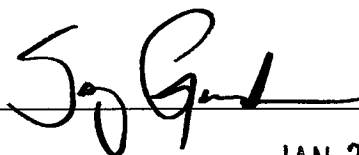
1 2.0 program, which lasted from August 24, 2020, to December 31,  
2 2020.

3 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to require the  
4 Hawaii emergency management agency and Hawaii tourism authority  
5 to implement a program to provide complimentary hotels rooms to  
6 certain healthcare workers and first responders who are at a  
7 higher risk of exposure to COVID-19 and who want to limit the  
8 possibility of exposing their respective households and families  
9 to COVID-19.

10 SECTION 2. The Hawaii emergency management agency and  
11 Hawaii tourism authority shall implement a program to provide  
12 complimentary hotel rooms to certain healthcare workers,  
13 including but not limited to registered nurses and certified  
14 nursing assistants, and first responders who are at a higher  
15 risk of exposure to COVID-19 and want to limit the possibility  
16 of exposing their respective households and families to  
17 COVID-19; provided that the program shall terminate on  
18 January 1, 2022.

19 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.  
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INTRODUCED BY:

  
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# H.B. NO. 017

**Report Title:**

HIEMA; HTA; Hotels for Heroes Program; Registered Nurses;  
Certified Nursing Assistants

**Description:**

Requires the Hawaii emergency management agency and Hawaii tourism authority to implement a program to provide complimentary hotels rooms to certain healthcare workers and first responders who are at a higher risk of exposure to COVID-19 and who want to limit the possibility of exposing their respective households and families to COVID-19.

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