

JAN 29 2015

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DISPOSITION OF TAX REVENUES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to address taxes by
2 setting maximum amounts to be distributed to various non-general
3 funds from the conveyance tax. The tax revenues remaining after
4 distribution shall continue to be deposited into the general
5 fund.

6 By establishing maximum amounts for distribution among the
7 non-general funds, the legislature intends that this Act:

- 8 (1) Make forecasts of general fund revenues more reliable;
9 (2) Increase legislative oversight of the agencies and
10 programs supported by the non-general funds; and
11 (3) Subject those agencies and programs to competition for
12 limited public funds if the agencies or programs want
13 more than the amount automatically distributed to
14 their non-general funds.

15 The legislature finds that this Act promotes budgetary
16 planning and transparency.



1 The legislature further finds that the distribution method
2 used for the transient accommodations tax revenues, which are
3 distributed among the convention center, Hawaii tourism
4 authority, and counties by dollar amounts, serves as the model
5 for this Act.

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 or \$7,600,000, whichever is less, shall
14 be paid into the land conservation fund established
15 pursuant to section 173A-5;

16 (2) [~~Twenty five per cent from July 1, 2009, until~~
17 ~~June 30, 2012; thirty per cent from July 1, 2012,~~
18 ~~until June 30, 2014; and fifty]~~ Fifty per cent [~~in~~
19 ~~each fiscal year thereafter]~~ or \$38,000,000, whichever
20 is less, shall be paid into the rental housing trust
21 fund established by section 201H-202; and



1 (3) ~~[Twenty per cent from July 1, 2009, until June 30,~~
2 ~~2012, and twenty-five]~~ Twenty-five per cent ~~[in each~~
3 ~~fiscal year thereafter]~~ or \$19,000,000, whichever is
4 less, shall be paid into the natural area reserve fund
5 established by section 195-9; provided that the funds
6 paid into the natural area reserve fund shall be
7 annually disbursed by the department of land and
8 natural resources in the following priority:
9 (A) To natural area partnership and forest
10 stewardship programs after joint consultation
11 with the forest stewardship committee and the
12 natural area reserves system commission;
13 (B) Projects undertaken in accordance with watershed
14 management plans pursuant to section 171-58 or
15 watershed management plans negotiated with
16 private landowners, and management of the natural
17 area reserves system pursuant to section 195-3;
18 and
19 (C) The youth conservation corps established under
20 chapter 193."



1 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

3 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.

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S.B. NO. 1299

Report Title:

Conveyance Tax; Distribution Maximums

Description:

Establishes maximum dollar amounts that shall be distributed among certain non-general funds from the conveyance tax.

Retains provision that the general fund receive the remainder after distribution.

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