HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

KE KANIHELA O KE KALANA O HONOLULU

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

ORDINANCE _____

BILL 44 (2026)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE

RELATING TO REVENUES AND FUNDS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the People of the City and County of Honolulu:

SECTION 1. Purpose. The purpose of this ordinance is to address certain provisions relating to revenues and funds, including the disposition of transient accommodations taxes for the City and County of Honolulu.

SECTION 2. Section 8A-1.1, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021, is amended to read as follows.

"§ 8A-1.1 Establishment of transient accommodations tax and disposition.

Pursuant to HRS §§ 46-20.7 and 237D-2.5, there is hereby established a 3 percent transient accommodations tax on all gross rental, gross rental proceeds, and fair market rental value that is taxable under HRS Chapter 237D on property in the city, which will be levied and collected by the director of budget and fiscal services; provided that all moneys collected under this chapter must be deposited as follows:

(1) Into the general fund as follows:

~~[(A) For two years commencing on December 14, 2021, 58.33 percent of all transient accommodations taxes collected pursuant to this chapter; and~~

~~(B) Beginning two years after December 14, 2021 and thereafter,~~] 41.66 percent of all transient accommodations taxes collected pursuant to this chapter;

(2) Into the transit fund as follows:

~~[(A) For two years commencing on December 14, 2021, 33.33 percent of all transient accommodations taxes collected pursuant to this chapter; and~~

~~(B) Beginning two years after December 14, 2021 and thereafter,~~] 50 percent of all transient accommodations taxes collected pursuant to this chapter; and

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(3) [~~Into a special account in the general fund to be appropriately named by the department of budget and fiscal services,~~] The remaining 8.34 percent of all transient accommodations taxes collected pursuant to this chapter[~~; provided that the funds in the special account must:~~] must be deposited as follows:

(A) Sixty-five percent must be deposited into the parks maintenance and recreation services revolving fund;

(B) Twenty-five percent must be deposited into the Honolulu Zoo fund; and

(C) Ten percent must be deposited into the botanical gardens and urban forestry revolving fund;

[~~(A) Be~~] provided that all funds deposited pursuant to paragraphs (A) to (C) must be used to mitigate the impacts of visitors on public facilities and natural resources, including the restoration, operations, and maintenance of beaches and parks[~~;~~], and

[~~(B) Supplement,~~] must supplement, and not supplant, any funds regularly appropriated [~~for the purposes specified in paragraph (A).~~] to mitigate the impacts of visitors on public facilities and natural resources."

SECTION 3. Section 6-24.2, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 ("Purpose"), is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

"(a) There will be deposited into the Honolulu Zoo fund:

(1) All revenues generated for the city by the Honolulu Zoo, the Honolulu Zoo food concessions, and the Honolulu Zoo parking lot;

(2) All entrance fees, rents, user fees, and miscellaneous revenues generated from operations of the Honolulu Zoo;

(3) All proceeds from the sale of surplus animals from the Honolulu Zoo;

(4) Gifts made to the Honolulu Zoo;

[~~(5) Any funds remaining in the zoo animal purchase fund, which will continue to be used for the purchase of animals;~~]

[~~(6)~~](5) All moneys appropriated to the fund by the council in the annual executive operating budget ordinance and any amendments thereto; [~~and~~]

[~~(7)~~](6) Any interest earned on moneys deposited into the Honolulu Zoo fund[~~.~~]; and

(7) The portion of revenues from the city's collection of the transient accommodations tax specified in § 8A-1.1(3)."

SECTION 4. Ordinance material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New material is underscored. When revising, compiling, or printing this ordinance for inclusion in the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu, the Revisor of Ordinances need not include the brackets, the material that has been bracketed and stricken, or the underscoring.

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SECTION 5. This ordinance takes effect upon: (1) the date of its approval; or (2) the date on which Bill 33 (2026), CD1, or any amended version thereof, has been enacted into law and taken effect, whichever occurs later.

INTRODUCED BY:

Esther Kiaʻāina

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

JUN 30 2026

Honolulu, Hawaiʻi

Councilmembers

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

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Deputy Corporation Counsel

APPROVED this _____day of _____, 20 ___.

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RICK BLANGIARDI, Mayor
City and County of Honolulu

Report Title:
Transient Accommodations Tax ("TAT"); Disposition of Revenues; Funds; Department of Budget and Fiscal Services ("BFS")

Description:
Specifies certain percentages of TAT revenues to be deposited into the Parks Maintenance and Recreation Services Revolving Fund, the Honolulu Zoo Fund, and the Botanical Gardens and Urban Forestry Revolving Fund. Takes effect upon the date of the bill's approval; or (2) the date on which Bill 33 (2026), CD1, or any amended version thereof, has been enacted into law and taken effect, whichever occurs later.

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