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Travel Industry Notification from the Hawai'i Tourism Authority

RE: 1% Transient Accommodations Tax Increase Takes Effect January 1, 2018

HONOLULU – Please be advised that, effective January 1, 2018, the Transient Accommodations Tax (TAT) applied to lodging accommodations in the State of Hawai'i will be increased by 1%, raising the TAT from its current rate of 9.25% to 10.25%. This increase is scheduled to stay in effect until December 31, 2030.

The TAT increase is being put into effect to help pay for Honolulu's rapid transit system that is currently under construction. The light metro rail system will extend 20 miles from Kapolei in Leeward O'ahu to Ala Moana Center in Honolulu with 21 stations along the way, including the Daniel K. Inouye International Airport, the State of Hawai'i's main port of entry for air transportation.

Following is a summary of State taxes that will be applied by lodging properties statewide when the 1% TAT increase takes effect on January 1, 2018:

O'ahu

4.712%	General Excise Tax
<u>10.25%</u>	Transient Accommodations Tax (TAT)
14.962%	TOTAL Lodging Taxes

Maui County / Island of Hawai'i / Kaua'i

4.166%	General Excise Tax
<u>10.25%</u>	Transient Accommodations Tax (TAT)
14.416%	TOTAL Lodging Taxes

Click [here](#) to see the notice issued by the Hawai'i State Department of Taxation providing detailed information about the changes in State law that applies to the 1% TAT increase.

Any questions regarding the implementation of the 1% TAT increase should be directed to the Hawai'i State Department of Taxation via email at Tax.Rules.Office@hawaii.gov or by calling 808-587-1530.

About the Hawai'i Tourism Authority

The [Hawai'i Tourism Authority](#) is responsible for strategically managing the State of Hawai'i's marketing initiatives to support tourism. HTA's goal is to optimize tourism's benefits for Hawai'i, while being attentive to the interests of travelers, the community and visitor industry. Established in 1998 to support Hawai'i's leading industry and largest employer, HTA continually strives to help ensure the sustainability of tourism's success.

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