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**COURT DECISION ALLOWS ACT 96 GREEN FEE TO TAKE FULL  
EFFECT ON JANUARY 1**

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HONOLULU –The Department of the Attorney General is very pleased with the United States District Court for the District of Hawai'i's order dismissing the majority of the claims challenging Act 96 of 2025 and denying plaintiff's motion for a preliminary injunction. As a result, the Green Fee will go into full effect on January 1, 2026, as provided by law.

Act 96 of 2025 establishes the Green Fee, which requires, in-part, cruise operators to pay their fair share of transient accommodation tax to address the threats of climate change to our state.

"We must protect and preserve Hawai'i's natural resources and safeguard the health of our residents. Visitors who benefit from our island's resources have a shared responsibility to help preserve them. The Green Fee ensures that the resources needed to protect Hawai'i are available for future generations," said Governor Josh Green.

“The Department of the Attorney General is very pleased with today’s decision. The vast majority of the cruise industry’s claims were dismissed,” said Attorney General Anne Lopez. “While the litigation is not over, we are confident in the legality of this law and will continue to vigorously defend it on behalf of the people of Hawai‘i.”

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