



Parliament of the Cayman Islands

PRIVATE MEMBER'S MOTION NO. 5 of 2026-2027

Motion to establish a Tourism Climate Resilience Fund for the Cayman Islands

WHEREAS the Cayman Islands' economy is fundamentally dependent on tourism and the preservation of its natural environment, including beaches, coral reefs, and coastal ecosystems;

AND WHEREAS the Islands are increasingly exposed to the impacts of climate change, including coastal erosion, sea level rise, and extreme weather events, which threaten both environmental sustainability and economic stability;

AND WHEREAS key tourism assets, including Seven Mile Beach and surrounding coastal areas, are already experiencing measurable environmental degradation;

AND WHEREAS several regional and international jurisdictions have implemented sustainable tourism financing mechanisms, including visitor-based environmental contributions, to support climate resilience and environmental protection;

AND WHEREAS there is a growing global recognition of the principle that visitors should contribute in a modest and equitable manner to the preservation of the destinations from which they benefit.

BE IT NOW THEREFORE RESOLVED that Government considers the establishment of a Tourism Climate Resilience Fund or similar financing mechanism to support the long-term protection and sustainability of the Islands' natural and tourism assets;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Government considers undertaking a policy and feasibility assessment of sustainable tourism financing options, including but not limited to visitor-based environmental contributions;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Honourable House affirms the importance of proactive and sustainable investment in climate resilience as essential to safeguarding the Cayman Islands' tourism industry, environment, and future economic prosperity.

Moved By: Hon. Joseph X. Hew, JP, MP
Leader of the Opposition
Elected Member for George Town North

Seconded By: Hon. Pearlina L. McGaw-Lumsden, JP, MP
Deputy Speaker
Elected Member for George Town West

Received in the Office of the Clerk this 1st day of June, 2026.

Rejected by the Parliament of the Cayman Islands this 24th day of June, 2026.

Clerk of the Parliament