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Podiatric meeting to boost isle economy

More than 2,000 podiatrists and medical specialists are expected to attend the American Podiatric Medical Association's annual scientific meeting this week at the Hawai'i Convention Center.

The conference is expected to generate an estimated \$9.4 million in visitor spending, \$916,000 in state tax revenue and more than 16,000 booked room nights.

The convention from Thursday through Sunday will offer new research and clinical knowledge in podiatric medicine. The organization last held its conference in Hawaii in 2008.

This year's schedule will include sessions on the impact of marathon running, use of stem cells to treat diabetic wounds, general pediatric and sports medicine, and a luau reception at the Great Lawn of the Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort.

The group comprises more than 12,000 podiatrists.