
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TAXATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the revenue impact
2 of proposed federal legislation is available to the public,
3 providing transparency on the financial effect of proposed
4 legislation.

5 The purpose of this Act is to create a similar level of
6 transparency for proposed state legislation by requiring that
7 revenue estimates, including methodology used and assumptions
8 made in providing the estimates, be made available to the
9 public.

10 SECTION 2. Chapter 231, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
11 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
12 and to read as follows:

13 "§231- Revenue estimates. Any revenue estimate provided
14 by the department to the legislature or to any executive or
15 administrative office shall be accompanied by a description of
16 the methodology used and assumptions made in providing the
17 estimate. The revenue estimate and description shall be open to



1 public disclosure, inspection, and copying, notwithstanding
 2 sections 235-116, 237-34, and 237D-13, or any other law
 3 restricting disclosure of tax return or tax return information
 4 to the contrary."

5 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

6 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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H.B. NO. 1817

Report Title:

Department of Taxation; Revenue Estimates; Public Disclosure

Description:

Requires that revenue estimates provided by DOTAX to the legislature or to any executive or administrative office be accompanied by a description of the methodology used and assumptions made in providing the estimate. Requires that the estimate and description be open to public disclosure.

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