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GOVERNOR

June 7, 2019

**GOV. MSG. NO. 1170**

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,  
President  
and Members of the Senate  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,  
Speaker and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 7, 2019, the following bill was signed into law:

SB1130 SD1 HD1

RELATING TO TAXATION  
**ACT 069 (19)**

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TAXATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to conform Hawaii  
2 income tax laws to the Internal Revenue Code, except as provided  
3 by this Act.

4 SECTION 2. Section 235-2.3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
5 amended to read as follows:

6 "§235-2.3 Conformance to the federal Internal Revenue Code;  
7 general application. (a) For all taxable years beginning after  
8 December 31, [~~2017~~] 2018, as used in this chapter, except as  
9 provided in section 235-2.35, "Internal Revenue Code" means  
10 subtitle A, chapter 1, of the federal Internal Revenue Code of  
11 1986, as amended as of [~~February 9, 2018~~] December 31, 2018, as  
12 it applies to the determination of gross income, adjusted gross  
13 income, ordinary income and loss, and taxable income, except  
14 those provisions of the Internal Revenue Code and federal public  
15 laws which, pursuant to this chapter, do not apply or are  
16 otherwise limited in application and except for the provisions  
17 of Public Law 109-001 which apply to section 170 of the Internal



1 Revenue Code. The provisions of Public Law 109-001 to  
2 accelerate the deduction for charitable cash contributions for  
3 the relief of victims of the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami are  
4 applicable for the calendar year that ended December 31, 2004,  
5 and the calendar year ending December 31, 2005.

6 Prior law shall continue to be used to determine:

7 (1) The basis of property, if a taxpayer first determined  
8 the basis of property in a taxable year to which prior  
9 law applies; and

10 (2) Gross income, adjusted gross income, ordinary income  
11 and loss, and taxable income for a taxable year to  
12 which prior law applies.

13 (b) The following Internal Revenue Code subchapters, parts  
14 of subchapters, sections, subsections, and parts of subsections  
15 shall not be operative for the purposes of this chapter, unless  
16 otherwise provided:

17 (1) Subchapter A (sections 1 to 59A) (with respect to  
18 determination of tax liability), except section  
19 1(h)(2) (relating to net capital gain reduced by the  
20 amount taken into account as investment income),  
21 except sections 2(a), 2(b), and 2(c) (with respect to



1 the definition of "surviving spouse" and "head of  
2 household"), except section 41 (with respect to the  
3 credit for increasing research activities), except  
4 section 42 (with respect to low-income housing  
5 credit), except sections 47 and 48, as amended, as of  
6 December 31, 1984 (with respect to certain depreciable  
7 tangible personal property), and except section  
8 48(d)(3), as amended, as of February 17, 2009 (with  
9 respect to the treatment of United States Department  
10 of Treasury grants made under section 1603 of the  
11 American Recovery and Reinvestment Tax Act of 2009).  
12 For treatment, see sections 235-110.91, 235-110.7, and  
13 235-110.8;

14 (2) Section 78 (with respect to dividends received from  
15 certain foreign corporations by domestic corporations  
16 choosing foreign tax credit);

17 (3) Section 86 (with respect to social security and tier 1  
18 railroad retirement benefits);

19 (4) Section 91 (with respect to certain foreign branch  
20 losses transferred to specified 10-percent owned  
21 foreign corporations);



- 1 (5) Section 103 (with respect to interest on state and  
2 local bonds). For treatment, see section 235-7(b);
- 3 (6) Section 114 (with respect to extraterritorial income).  
4 For treatment, any transaction as specified in the  
5 transitional rule for 2005 and 2006 as specified in  
6 the American Jobs Creation Act of 2004 section 101(d)  
7 and any transaction that has occurred pursuant to a  
8 binding contract as specified in the American Jobs  
9 Creation Act of 2004 section 101(f) are inoperative;
- 10 (7) Section 120 (with respect to amounts received under  
11 qualified group legal services plans). For treatment,  
12 see section 235-7(a) (9) to (11);
- 13 (8) Section 122 (with respect to certain reduced uniformed  
14 services retirement pay). For treatment, see section  
15 235-7(a) (3);
- 16 (9) Section 135 (with respect to income from United States  
17 savings bonds used to pay higher education tuition and  
18 fees). For treatment, see section 235-7(a) (1);
- 19 (10) Section 139C (with respect to COBRA premium  
20 assistance);



- 1 (11) Subchapter B (sections 141 to 150) (with respect to  
2 tax exemption requirements for state and local bonds);
- 3 (12) Section 151 (with respect to allowance of deductions  
4 for personal exemptions). For treatment, see section  
5 235-54;
- 6 (13) Section 179B (with respect to expensing of capital  
7 costs incurred in complying with Environmental  
8 Protection Agency sulphur regulations);
- 9 (14) Section 181 (with respect to special rules for certain  
10 film and television productions);
- 11 (15) Section 196 (with respect to deduction for certain  
12 unused investment credits);
- 13 (16) Section 199 (with respect to the U.S. production  
14 activities deduction);
- 15 (17) Section 199A (with respect to qualified business  
16 income);
- 17 (18) Section 222 (with respect to qualified tuition and  
18 related expenses);
- 19 (19) Sections 241 to 247 (with respect to special  
20 deductions for corporations). For treatment, see  
21 section 235-7(c);



- 1 (20) Section 250 (with respect to foreign-derived  
2 intangible income and global intangible low-taxed  
3 income);
- 4 (21) Section 267A (with respect to certain related party  
5 amounts paid or accrued in hybrid transactions or with  
6 hybrid entities);
- 7 (22) Section 280C (with respect to certain expenses for  
8 which credits are allowable). For treatment, see  
9 section 235-110.91;
- 10 (23) Section 291 (with respect to special rules relating to  
11 corporate preference items);
- 12 (24) Section 367 (with respect to foreign corporations);
- 13 (25) Section 501(c)(12), (15), (16) (with respect to exempt  
14 organizations); except that section 501(c)(12) shall  
15 be operative for companies that provide potable water  
16 to residential communities that lack any access to  
17 public utility water services;
- 18 (26) Section 515 (with respect to taxes of foreign  
19 countries and possessions of the United States);



- 1 (27) Subchapter G (sections 531 to 565) (with respect to  
2 corporations used to avoid income tax on  
3 shareholders);
- 4 (28) Subchapter H (sections 581 to 597) (with respect to  
5 banking institutions), except section 584 (with  
6 respect to common trust funds). For treatment, see  
7 chapter 241;
- 8 (29) Section 642(a) and (b) (with respect to special rules  
9 for credits and deductions applicable to trusts). For  
10 treatment, see sections 235-54(b) and 235-55;
- 11 (30) Section 646 (with respect to tax treatment of electing  
12 Alaska Native settlement trusts);
- 13 (31) Section 668 (with respect to interest charge on  
14 accumulation distributions from foreign trusts);
- 15 (32) Subchapter L (sections 801 to 848) (with respect to  
16 insurance companies). For treatment, see sections  
17 431:7-202 and 431:7-204;
- 18 (33) Section 853 (with respect to foreign tax credit  
19 allowed to shareholders). For treatment, see section  
20 235-55;





- 1 (34) Section 853A (with respect to credits from tax credit  
2 bonds allowed to shareholders);
- 3 (35) Subchapter N (sections 861 to 999) (with respect to  
4 tax based on income from sources within or without the  
5 United States), except sections 985 to 989 (with  
6 respect to foreign currency transactions). For  
7 treatment, see sections 235-4, 235-5, and 235-7(b),  
8 and 235-55;
- 9 (36) Section 1042(g) (with respect to sales of stock in  
10 agricultural refiners and processors to eligible farm  
11 cooperatives);
- 12 (37) Section 1055 (with respect to redeemable ground  
13 rents);
- 14 (38) Section 1057 (with respect to election to treat  
15 transfer to foreign trust, etc., as taxable exchange);
- 16 (39) Sections 1291 to 1298 (with respect to treatment of  
17 passive foreign investment companies);
- 18 (40) Subchapter Q (sections 1311 to 1351) (with respect to  
19 readjustment of tax between years and special  
20 limitations);



- 1 (41) Subchapter R (sections 1352 to 1359) (with respect to  
2 election to determine corporate tax on certain  
3 international shipping activities using per ton rate);
- 4 (42) Subchapter U (sections 1391 to 1379F) (with respect to  
5 designation and treatment of empowerment zones,  
6 enterprise communities, and rural development  
7 investment areas). For treatment, see chapter 209E;
- 8 (43) Subchapter W (sections 1400 to 1400C) (with respect to  
9 District of Columbia enterprise zone);
- 10 (44) Section 14000 (with respect to education tax  
11 benefits);
- 12 (45) Section 1400P (with respect to housing tax benefits);
- 13 (46) Section 1400R (with respect to employment relief);
- 14 (47) Section 1400T (with respect to special rules for  
15 mortgage revenue bonds);
- 16 (48) Section 1400U-1 (with respect to allocation of  
17 recovery zone bonds);
- 18 (49) Section 1400U-2 (with respect to recovery zone  
19 economic development bonds); and
- 20 (50) Section 1400U-3 (with respect to recovery zone  
21 facility bonds) [~~and~~



1       ~~(51) Subchapter Z (sections 1400Z-1 to 1400Z-2) (with~~  
2               ~~respect to opportunity zones)] ."~~

3           SECTION 3. Section 235-2.4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
4 amended by amending subsection (ee) to read as follows:

5           "(ee) Sections 512 to 514 (with respect to taxation of  
6 business income of certain exempt organizations) of the Internal  
7 Revenue Code shall be operative for the purposes of this chapter  
8 as provided in this subsection.

9           "Unrelated business taxable income" means the same as in  
10 the Internal Revenue Code, except that ~~[is]~~:

11       (1) In the computation [~~thereof sections~~] of unrelated  
12               business taxable income:

13       (A) Sections 235-3 to 235-5, and 235-7 (except  
14               subsection (c)), shall apply[-]; and [is]

15       (B) Section 512(a)(7) shall not apply;

16       (2) In the determination of the net operating loss  
17               deduction there shall not be taken into account any  
18               amount of income or deduction that is excluded in  
19               computing the unrelated business taxable income[-];  
20               and



1       (3) Unrelated business taxable income shall not include  
2                   any income from a legal service plan.

3           For a person described in section 401 or 501 of the  
4 Internal Revenue Code, as modified by section 235-2.3, the tax  
5 imposed by section 235-51 or 235-71 shall be imposed upon the  
6 person's unrelated business taxable income."

7           SECTION 4. Section 235-2.45, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
8 amended to read as follows:

9           "§235-2.45 Operation of certain Internal Revenue Code  
10 provisions; sections 641 to 7518. (a) Section 641 (with  
11 respect to imposition of tax) of the Internal Revenue Code shall  
12 be operative for the purposes of this chapter subject to the  
13 following:

14           (1) The deduction for exemptions shall be allowed as  
15                   provided in section 235-54(b);

16           (2) The deduction for contributions and gifts in  
17                   determining taxable income shall be limited to the  
18                   amount allowed in the case of an individual, unless  
19                   the contributions and gifts are to be used exclusively  
20                   in the State; and



1           (3) The tax imposed by section 1(e) of the Internal  
2           Revenue Code as applied by section 641 of the Internal  
3           Revenue Code is hereby imposed by this chapter at the  
4           rate and amount as determined under section 235-51 on  
5           estates and trusts.

6           (b) Section 667 (with respect to treatment of amounts  
7           deemed distributed by trusts in preceding years) of the Internal  
8           Revenue Code shall be operative for the purposes of this chapter  
9           and the tax imposed therein is hereby imposed by this chapter at  
10          the rate determined under this chapter; except that the  
11          reference to tax-exempt interest to which section 103 of the  
12          Internal Revenue Code applies in section 667(a) of the Internal  
13          Revenue Code shall instead be a reference to tax-exempt interest  
14          to which section 235-7(b) applies.

15          (c) Section 685 (with respect to treatment of qualified  
16          funeral trusts) of the Internal Revenue Code shall be operative  
17          for purposes of this chapter, except that the tax imposed under  
18          this chapter shall be computed at the tax rates provided under  
19          section 235-51, and no deduction for the exemption amount  
20          provided in section 235-54(b) shall be allowed. The cost-of-  
21          living adjustment determined under section 1(f)(3) of the



1 Internal Revenue Code shall be operative for the purpose of  
2 applying section 685(c)(3) under this chapter.

3 (d) Section 704 of the Internal Revenue Code (with respect  
4 to a partner's distributive share) shall be operative for  
5 purposes of this chapter; except that section 704(b)(2) shall  
6 not apply to:

7 (1) Allocations of the high technology business investment  
8 tax credit allowed by section 235-110.9 for  
9 investments made before May 1, 2009;

10 (2) Allocations of net operating loss pursuant to section  
11 235-111.5; or

12 (3) Allocations of low-income housing tax credits among  
13 partners under section 235-110.8.

14 (e) Section 1202 (with respect to partial exclusion for  
15 gain from certain small business stock) of the Internal Revenue  
16 Code shall be operative for purposes of this chapter, except  
17 that section 1202(a)(3) and (4) shall not be operative for  
18 purposes of this chapter.

19 (f) Section 1212 (with respect to capital loss carrybacks  
20 and carryforwards) of the Internal Revenue Code shall be  
21 operative for the purposes of this chapter; except that for the



1 purposes of this chapter, the capital loss carryback provisions  
2 of section 1212 shall not be operative and the capital loss  
3 carryforward allowed by section 1212(a) shall be limited to five  
4 years; except for a qualified high technology business as  
5 defined in section 235-7.3, which shall be limited to fifteen  
6 years.

7 (g) Section 1221 (with respect to the definition of  
8 capital assets) is operative; provided that the provisions of  
9 section 301 of Public Law 110-343, which provide that gain or  
10 loss from the sale or exchange of any applicable preferred stock  
11 by any applicable financial institution (such terms being  
12 defined by Public Law 110-343) shall be treated as ordinary  
13 income or loss, shall not be operative. A sale or exchange of  
14 any applicable preferred stock by any applicable financial  
15 institution (as those terms are defined by section 301 of Public  
16 Law 110-343) shall be treated as a sale of a capital asset and  
17 taxed accordingly.

18 (h) Subchapter S (sections 1361 to 1379) (with respect to  
19 tax treatment of S corporations and their shareholders) of  
20 chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code shall be operative for  
21 the purposes of this chapter as provided in part VII.



1           (i) Section 1400N (with respect to tax benefits for Gulf  
2 Opportunity Zone) of the Internal Revenue Code shall be  
3 operative for the purposes of this chapter, except that sections  
4 1400N(a) (with respect to tax-exempt bond financing); 1400N(b)  
5 (with respect to advance refundings of certain tax-exempt  
6 bonds); 1400N(c) (with respect to the low income housing  
7 credit); 1400N(d) (with respect to special allowance for certain  
8 property acquired on or after August 28, 2005); 1400N(e) (with  
9 respect to increase in expensing under section 179); 1400N(h)  
10 (with respect to increase in rehabilitation credit); 1400N(l)  
11 (with respect to credit to holders of Gulf tax credit bonds);  
12 1400N(m) (with respect to application of new markets tax credit  
13 to investments in community development entities serving Gulf  
14 Opportunity Zone); 1400N(n) (with respect to treatment of  
15 representations regarding income eligibility for purposes of  
16 qualified residential rental project requirements) shall not be  
17 operative for purposes of this chapter.

18           (j) Section 1400S (with respect to additional tax relief  
19 provisions) of the Internal Revenue Code shall be operative for  
20 the purposes of this chapter, except that section 1400S(d) (with





1 respect to the special rule for determining earned income) shall  
2 not be operative for the purposes of this chapter.

3 (k) Subchapter Z (sections 1400Z-1 to 1400Z-2) (with  
4 respect to opportunity zones) shall be operative for purposes of  
5 this chapter; except that for purposes of this chapter,  
6 subchapter Z shall only apply to qualified opportunity zones, as  
7 defined in section 1400Z-1, that are designated as such by the  
8 chief executive officer of this State.

9 [~~k~~] (l) Section 6015 (with respect to relief from joint  
10 and several liability on joint return) of the Internal Revenue  
11 Code is operative for purposes of this chapter.

12 [~~l~~] (m) Sections 6103(i)(3)(C) and 6103(i)(7) (with  
13 respect to disclosures of information to the United States  
14 Justice Department or appropriate federal or state law  
15 enforcement agency for purposes of investigating terrorist  
16 incidents, threats, or activities, and for analyzing  
17 intelligence concerning investigating terrorist incidents,  
18 threats, or activities) of the Internal Revenue Code shall be  
19 operative for the purposes of this chapter.

20 [~~m~~] (n) Sections 6221, 6222, 6223, 6225, and 6226 (with  
21 respect to partnership audits) of subchapter C of chapter 63 of



1 the Internal Revenue Code shall be operative for the purposes of  
2 this chapter; provided that if a taxpayer makes the election  
3 under section 6221(b) for federal income tax purposes, that  
4 taxpayer shall also make the same election for Hawaii income tax  
5 purposes.

6 ~~[(n)]~~ (o) Section 6241 (with respect to definitions and  
7 special rules regarding partnerships) of the Internal Revenue  
8 Code shall be operative for the purposes of this chapter, except  
9 that the definitions that appear in items numbered (1), (3), and  
10 (5) shall not be operative for purposes of this chapter.

11 ~~[(e)]~~ (p) Section 6501(e) (with respect to limitation on  
12 assessment and collection where there is a substantial omission  
13 of items) of the Internal Revenue Code shall be operative for  
14 purposes of this chapter.

15 ~~[(p)]~~ (q) Section 6511(h) (with respect to running of  
16 periods of limitation suspended while taxpayer is unable to  
17 manage financial affairs due to disability) of the Internal  
18 Revenue Code shall be operative for purposes of this chapter,  
19 with due regard to section 235-111 relating to the limitation  
20 period for assessment, levy, collection, or credit.



1        [~~(g)~~] (r) Section 7518 (with respect to capital  
2 construction fund for commercial fishers) of the Internal  
3 Revenue Code shall be operative for the purposes of this  
4 chapter. Qualified withdrawals for the acquisition,  
5 construction, or reconstruction of any qualified asset that is  
6 attributable to deposits made before the effective date of this  
7 section shall not reduce the basis of the asset when withdrawn.  
8 Qualified withdrawals shall be treated on a first-in-first-out  
9 basis."

10        SECTION 5. Section 236E-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
11 amended to read as follows:

12        "§236E-3 Conformance to the Internal Revenue Code; general  
13 application. For all decedents dying, or transfers occurring,  
14 after December 31, [~~2017,~~] 2018, as used in this chapter,  
15 "Internal Revenue Code" means subtitle B of the federal Internal  
16 Revenue Code of 1986, as amended as of December 31, [~~2017,~~]  
17 2018, as it applies to the determination of gross estate,  
18 adjusted gross estate, federal taxable estate, and generation-  
19 skipping transfers, except those provisions of the Internal  
20 Revenue Code and federal public laws that, pursuant to this  
21 chapter, do not apply or are otherwise limited in application."



1 SECTION 6. Section 236E-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3 "(a) An exclusion from a Hawaii taxable estate shall be  
4 allowed to the estate of every decedent against the tax imposed  
5 by section 236E-8. For the purpose of this section, the  
6 applicable exclusion amount is equal to:

7 (1) The federal applicable exclusion amount;

8 (2) The exemption equivalent of the unified credit reduced  
9 by the amount of taxable gifts made by the decedent  
10 that reduces the amount of the federal applicable  
11 exclusion amount; or

12 (3) The exemption equivalent of the unified credit on the  
13 decedent's federal estate tax return,

14 as set forth for the decedent in chapter 11 of the Internal  
15 Revenue Code as amended as of December 21, 2017, as if the  
16 decedent died on December 31, 2017, and as further adjusted  
17 pursuant to subsection (b)."

18 SECTION 7. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
19 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

20 SECTION 8. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;  
21 provided that:



- 1 (1) Sections 2, 3, and 4 shall apply to taxable years  
2 beginning after December 31, 2018; and  
3 (2) Sections 5 and 6 shall apply to decedents dying or  
4 taxable transfers occurring after December 31, 2018.

APPROVED this 7 day of JUN, 2019



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

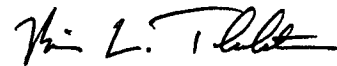
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
STATE OF HAWAII

Date: April 4, 2019  
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019.



Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker  
House of Representatives




Brian L. Takeshita  
Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives

**THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I**

Date: April 18, 2019  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the  
Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2019.

  
President of the Senate

  
Clerk of the Senate