### A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO INCOME TAX BRACKETS.

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

- SECTION 1. The tax review commission, in its most recent report, stated that the state income tax brackets are so compressed that people on public assistance pay income taxes, while the highest rate for married taxpayers filing jointly begins when their taxable income reaches just over \$80,000.
- 6 Today, the median income of a family of four in Hawaii, with
- 7 both parents working, is approximately \$70,000. This means that
- 8 if this hypothetical middle class family earned only \$900 more
- 9 each month, they would be taxed in the same bracket as a family
- 10 with an annual income of \$900,000.
- 11 The legislature finds that the current Hawaii income
- 12 taxation tables actually impose a financial penalty on most
- 13 middle class families in Hawaii. Comparisons with the average
- 14 income in other states are meaningless when the cost of housing,
- 15 food and clothing, education, and transportation are factored
- 16 in. In reality, a \$70,000 family income in Hawaii buys much
- 17 less than a \$70,000 family income in most other cities in the

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United States. Hawaii's income tax brackets need to reflect
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    this reality.
         The purpose of this Act is to adjust the state income tax
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    brackets to bring the tax laws more in line with the economic
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    realities of the high cost of living in Hawaii and to bring
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    long-term tax relief to low- and middle-income families.
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         SECTION 2. Section 235-51, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
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    amended by amending subsections (a), (b), (c), and (d) to read
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    as follows:
         "(a) There is hereby imposed on the taxable income of (1)
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    every taxpayer who files a joint return under section 235-93;
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    and (2) every surviving spouse a tax determined in accordance
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    with the following table:
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         [In the case of any taxable year beginning after
14
    December 31, 1998:
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                                             The tax shall be:
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              If the taxable income is:
              Not over $4,000
                                             1.60% of taxable income
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                                             $64.00 plus 3.90% of
              Over $4,000 but
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                                               excess over $4,000
                not over $8,000
19
                                             $220.00 plus 6.80% of
              Over $8,000 but
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                                               excess over $8,000
                not over $16,000
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1	Over \$16,000 but	\$764.00 plus 7.20% of
2	not over \$24,000	excess over \$16,000
3	Over \$24,000 but	\$1,340.00 plus 7.50% of
4	not over \$32,000	excess over \$24,000
5	Over \$32,000 but	\$1,940.00 plus 7.80% of
6	not over \$40,000	excess over \$32,000
7	Over \$40,000 but	\$2,564.00 plus 8.20% of
8	not over \$60,000	excess over \$40,000
9	Over \$60,000 but	\$4,204.00 plus 8.50% of
10	not over \$80,000	excess over \$60,000
11	Over \$80,000	\$5,904.00 plus 8.75% of
12		excess over \$80,000
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13 14	December 31, 2000:	<del>eginning after</del>
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13 14 15 16	December 31, 2000:  If the taxable income is:  Not over \$4,000	eginning after  The tax shall be:  1.50% of taxable income
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13 14 15 16 17 18	December 31, 2000:  If the taxable income is:  Not over \$4,000  Over \$4,000 but  not over \$8,000  Over \$8,000 but	The tax shall be:  1.50% of taxable income  \$60.00 plus 3.70% of  excess over \$4,000  \$208.00 plus 6.40% of

1	Over \$24,000 but	\$1,272.00 plus 7.30% of
2	not over \$32,000	excess over \$24,000
3	Over \$32,000 but	\$1,856.00 plus 7.60% of
4	not over \$40,000	excess over \$32,000
5	Over \$40,000 but	\$2,464.00 plus 7.90% of
6	not over \$60,000	excess over \$40,000
7	Over \$60,000 but	\$4,044.00 plus 8.20% of
8	not over \$80,000	excess over \$60,000
9	Over \$80,000	\$5,684.00 plus 8.50% of
10		excess over \$80,000]
11	In the case of any taxable year	peginning after
12	December 31, 2001:	
13	If the taxable income is:	The tax shall be:
14	Not over \$4,000	1.40% of taxable income
15	Over \$4,000 but	\$56.00 plus 3.20% of
16	not over \$8,000	excess over \$4,000
17	Over \$8,000 but	\$184.00 plus 5.50% of
18	not over \$16,000	excess over \$8,000
19	Over \$16,000 but	\$624.00 plus 6.40% of
20	not over \$24,000	excess over \$16,000
21	Over \$24,000 but	\$1,136.00 plus 6.80% of
22	not over \$32,000	excess over \$24,000

1	0-	7er \$32,000 but	\$1,680.00 plus 7.20% of
2		not over \$40,000	excess over \$32,000
3	0	ver \$40,000 but	\$2,256.00 plus 7.60% of
4		not over \$60,000	excess over \$40,000
5	O	ver \$60,000 but	\$3,776.00 plus 7.90% of
6		not over \$80,000	excess over \$60,000
7	O	ver \$80,000	\$5,356.00 plus 8.25% of
8			excess over \$80,000.
9	In the	case of any taxable year be	ginning after
10	December 31	2006:	
11	<u>I</u> :	the taxable income is:	The tax shall be:
12	No	ot over \$8,000	<u>\$0</u>
13	<u>O</u>	ver \$8,000 but	\$56.00 plus 3.20% of
14		not over \$16,000	excess over \$8,000
15	<u>O</u> -	ver \$16,000 but	\$184.00 plus 5.50% of
16		not over \$24,000	excess over \$16,000
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20		not over \$40,000	excess over \$32,000
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2		not over \$80,000	excess over \$60,000
3	Ov	er \$80,000 but	\$3,776.00 plus 7.90% of
4		not over \$100,000	excess over \$80,000
5	Ov	er \$100,000	\$5,356 plus 8.25% of
6			excess over \$100,000.
7	(b) Th	ere is hereby imposed on the	e taxable income of every
8	head of a ho	usehold a tax determined in	accordance with the
9	following ta	ble:	
10	[ <del>In the</del>	case of any taxable year bo	eginning after
11	December 31,	1998:	
12	<del>If</del>	the taxable income is:	The tax shall be:
13	No	t over \$3,000	1.60% of taxable income
14	<del>Ov</del>	er \$3,000 but	\$48.00 plus 3.90% of
15		not over \$6,000	excess over \$3,000
16	⊖v	er \$6,000 but	\$165.00 plus 6.80% of
17		not over \$12,000	excess over \$6,000
18	<del>Ov</del>	er \$12,000 but	\$573.00 plus 7.20% of
19		not over \$18,000	excess over \$12,000
20	<del>0v</del>	er \$18,000 but	\$1,005.00 plus 7.50% of
21		not over \$24,000	excess over \$18,000

1	Over \$24,000 but	\$1,455.00 plus 7.80% of
2	not over \$30,000	excess over \$24,000
3	Over \$30,000 but	\$1,923.00 plus 8.20% of
4	not over \$45,000	excess over \$30,000
5	Over \$45,000 but	\$3,153.00 plus 8.50% of
6	not over \$60,000	excess over \$45,000
7	Over \$60,000	\$4,428.00 plus 8.75% of
8		excess over \$60,000
9	In the case of any taxable year	beginning after
10	December 31, 2000:	
11	If the taxable income is:	The tax shall be:
12	Not over \$3,000	1.50% of taxable income
13	Over \$3,000 but	\$45.00 plus 3.70% of
14	not over \$6,000	excess over \$3,000
15	Over \$6,000 but	\$156.00 plus 6.40% of
16	not over \$12,000	excess over \$6,000
17	Over \$12,000 but	\$540.00 plus 6.90% of
18	not over \$18,000	excess over \$12,000
19	Over \$18,000 but	\$954.00 plus 7.30% of
20	not over \$24,000	excess over \$18,000
21	Over \$24,000 but	\$1,392.00 plus 7.60% of
22	not over \$30,000	excess over \$24,000

1	Over \$30,000 but	\$1,848.00 plus 7.90% of
2	not over \$45,000	excess over \$30,000
3	Over \$45,000 but	\$3,033.00 plus 8.20% of
4	not over \$60,000	excess over \$45,000
5	Over \$60,000	\$4,263.00 plus 8.50% of
6		excess over \$60,000]
7	In the case of any taxable year	beginning after
8	December 31, 2001:	
9	If the taxable income is:	The tax shall be:
10	Not over \$3,000	1.40% of taxable income
11	Over \$3,000 but	\$42.00 plus 3.20% of
12	not over \$6,000	excess over \$3,000
13	Over \$6,000 but	\$138.00 plus 5.50% of
14	not over \$12,000	excess over \$6,000
15	Over \$12,000 but	\$468.00 plus 6.40% of
16	not over \$18,000	excess over \$12,000
17	Over \$18,000 but	\$852.00 plus 6.80% of
18	not over \$24,000	excess over \$18,000
19	Over \$24,000 but	\$1,260.00 plus 7.20% of
20	not over \$30,000	excess over \$24,000
21	Over \$30,000 but	\$1,692.00 plus 7.60% of
22	not over \$45,000	excess over \$30,000

1		Over \$45,000 but	\$2,832.00 plus 7.90% of
2		not over \$60,000	excess over \$45,000
3		Over \$60,000	\$4,017.00 plus 8.25% of
4			excess over \$60,000 <u>.</u>
5	<u>In t</u>	he case of any taxable year be	ginning after
6	December	31, 2006:	
7		If the taxable income is:	The tax shall be:
8		Not over \$6,000	\$0
9		Over \$6,000 but	\$42.00 plus 3.20% of
10		not over \$12,000	taxable income over
11			\$6,000
12		Over \$12,000 but	\$138.00 plus 5.50% of
13		not over \$18,000	taxable income over
14			\$12,000
15		Over \$18,000 but	\$468.00 plus 6.40% of
16		not over \$24,000	taxable income over
17			\$18,000
18		Over \$24,000 but	\$852.00 plus 6.80% of
19		not over \$30,000	taxable income over
20			\$24,000
21		Over \$30,000 but	\$1,260.00 plus 7.20% of
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3	Over \$60,000 but	\$2,832.00 plus 7.9% of
4	not over \$80,000	excess over \$60,000
5	Over \$80,000	\$4,017.00 plus 8.25% of
6		excess over \$80,000.
7	(c) There is hereby imposed on	the taxable income of (1)
8	every unmarried individual (other that	an a surviving spouse, or
9	the head of a household) and (2) on t	the taxable income of every
10	married individual who does not make	a single return jointly
11	with the individual's spouse under se	ection 235-93 a tax
12	determined in accordance with the following	llowing table:
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13 14 15	[In the case of any taxable year  December 31, 1998:  If the taxable income is:	r beginning after  The tax shall be:
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2	not over \$16,000	excess over \$12,000
3	Over \$16,000 but	\$970.00 plus 7.80% of
4	not over \$20,000	excess over \$16,000
5	Over \$20,000 but	\$1,282.00 plus 8.20% of
6	not over \$30,000	excess over \$20,000
7	Over \$30,000 but	\$2,102.00 plus 8.50% of
8	not over \$40,000	excess over \$30,000
9	Over \$40,000	\$2,952.00 plus 8.75% of
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11	In the case of any taxable year	<del>beginning after</del>
12	December 31, 2000:	
12 13	December 31, 2000:  If the taxable income is:	The tax shall be:
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13 14 15	If the taxable income is:  Not over \$2,000  Over \$2,000 but	1.50% of taxable income \$30.00 plus 3.70% of
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3	Over \$20,000 but	\$1,232.00 plus 7.90% of
4	not over \$30,000	excess over \$20,000
5	Over \$30,000 but	\$2,022.00 plus 8.20% of
6	not over \$40,000	excess over \$30,000
7	Over \$40,000	\$2,842.00 plus 8.50% of
8		excess over \$40,000]
9	In the case of any taxable year	beginning after
10	December 31, 2001:	
11	If the taxable income is:	The tax shall be:
12	Not over \$2,000	1.40% of taxable income
13	Over \$2,000 but	\$28.00 plus 3.20% of
14	not over \$4,000	excess over \$2,000
15	Over \$4,000 but	\$92.00 plus 5.50% of
16	not over \$8,000	excess over \$4,000
17	Over \$8,000 but	\$312.00 plus 6.40% of
18	not over \$12,000	excess over \$8,000
19	Over \$12,000 but	\$568.00 plus 6.80% of
20	not over \$16,000	excess over \$12,000
21	Over \$16,000 but	\$840.00 plus 7.20% of
22	not over \$20,000	excess over \$16,000

1		Over \$20,000 but	\$1,128.00 plus 7.60% of
2		not over \$30,000	excess over \$20,000
3	·	Over \$30,000 but	\$1,888.00 plus 7.90% of
4		not over \$40,000	excess over \$30,000
5		Over \$40,000	\$2,678.00 plus 8.25% of
6			excess over \$40,000.
7	<u>In t</u>	he case of any taxable yea	r beginning after
8	December	31, 2006:	
9		If the taxable income is:	The tax shall be:
10		Not over \$4,000	<u>0</u>
11		Over \$4,000 but	\$28.00 plus 3.20% of
12		not over \$8,000	excess over \$4,000
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4		not over \$60,000	excess over \$50,000
5		Over \$60,000	\$ plus % of
6			excess over \$60,000.
7	(d)	The tax imposed by section 2	35-2.45 on estates and
8	trusts sh	nall be determined in accordan	ce with the following
9	table:		
10	[ <del>In</del>	the case of any taxable year	beginning after
11	December	<del>31, 1998:</del>	
12		If the taxable income is:	The tax shall be:
13		Not over \$2,000	1.60% of taxable income
14		Over \$2,000 but	\$32.00 plus 3.90% of
15		not over \$4,000	excess over \$2,000
16		Over \$4,000 but	\$110.00 plus 6.80% of
17		not over \$8,000	excess over \$4,000
18		Over \$8,000 but	\$382.00 plus 7.20% of
19		not over \$12,000	excess over \$8,000
20		Over \$12,000 but	\$670.00 plus 7.50% of
21		not over \$16,000	excess over \$12,000

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4		not over \$30,000	excess over \$20,000
5		Over \$30,000 but	\$2,102.00 plus 8.50% of
6		not over \$40,000	excess over \$30,000
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17		Over \$8,000 but	\$360.00 plus 6.90% of
18		not over \$12,000	excess over \$8,000
19		Over \$12,000 but	\$636.00 plus 7.30% of
20		not over \$16,000	excess over \$12,000
21		Over \$16,000 but	\$928.00 plus 7.60% of
22		not over \$20,000	excess over \$16,000

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3	Over \$30,000 but	\$2,022.00 plus 8.20% of
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3	Over \$40,000	\$2,678.00 plus 8.25% of
4		excess over \$40,000.
5	In the case of any taxable year b	eginning after
6	December 31, 2006:	
7	If the taxable income is:	The tax shall be:
8	Not over \$4,000	0
9	Over \$4,000 but	\$28.00 plus 3.20% of
10	not over \$8,000	excess over \$4,000
11	Over \$8,000 but	\$92.00 plus 5.50% of
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1	Over \$50,000 but	\$2,678.00 plus 8.25% of	
2	not over \$60,000	excess over \$50,000	
3	Over \$60,000	\$ plus % of	
4		excess over \$60,000."	
5	SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed		
6	and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.		
7	SECTION 4. This Act shall take	effect on July 1, 2020, and	
8	shall apply to taxable years beginning	ng after December 31, 2006.	

## HB 1794 HD1

#### Report Title:

Income Tax Brackets

#### Description:

Revises the state income tax brackets. (HB1794 HD1)