#### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE, 2013 STATE OF HAWAII

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### A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO GENERAL EXCISE TAX.

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

SECTION 1. Section 237-24.3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
 amended to read as follows:

3 "\$237-24.3 Additional amounts not taxable. In addition to
4 the amounts not taxable under section 237-24, this chapter shall
5 not apply to:

6	(1)	Amounts received from the loading, transportation, and
7		unloading of agricultural commodities, livestock, and
8		meat shipped for a producer or dealer of agricultural
9		commodities, livestock, or meat on one island of this
10		State to a person, firm, or organization on another
11		island of this State. The terms "producer" and
12		"dealer" shall have the same meanings as in section
13		<u>145-1.</u> The [terms] term "agricultural commodity"[ $_{\tau}$
14		"producer", and "produce dealer"] shall be defined in
15		the same manner as [ <del>they are</del> ] <u>it is</u> defined in section
16		147-1; provided that agricultural commodities need not
17		have been produced in the State. <u>"Meat" shall have</u>



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1		the same meaning as the term "meat or meat products"		
2		in section 159-3.		
3	(2)	Amounts received from sales of:		
4		(A) Intoxicating liquor as the term "liquor" is		
5		defined in chapter 244D;		
6		(B) Cigarettes and tobacco products as defined in		
7		chapter 245; and		
8		(C) Agricultural, meat, or fish products;		
9		to any person or common carrier in interstate or		
10		foreign commerce, or both, whether ocean-going or air,		
11		for consumption out-of-state on the shipper's vessels		
12		or airplanes;		
13	(3)	Amounts received by the manager, submanager, or board		
14		of directors of:		
15		(A) An association of owners of a condominium		
16		property regime established in accordance with		
17		chapter 514A or 514B; or		
18		(B) A nonprofit homeowners or community association		
19		incorporated in accordance with chapter 414D or		
20		any predecessor thereto and existing pursuant to		
21		covenants running with the land,		
22		in reimbursement of sums paid for common expenses;		



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1	(4)	Amou	nts received or accrued from:
2		(A)	The loading or unloading of cargo from ships,
3			barges, vessels, or aircraft, whether or not the
4			ships, barges, vessels, or aircraft travel
5			between the State and other states or countries
6			or between the islands of the State;
7		(B)	Tugboat services including pilotage fees
8			performed within the State, and the towage of
9			ships, barges, or vessels in and out of state
10			harbors, or from one pier to another; and
11		(C)	The transportation of pilots or governmental
12			officials to ships, barges, or vessels offshore;
13			rigging gear; checking freight and similar
14			services; standby charges; and use of moorings
15			and running mooring lines;
16	(5)	Amou	nts received by an employee benefit plan by way of
17		cont	ributions, dividends, interest, and other income;
18		and	amounts received by a nonprofit organization or
19		offi	ce, as payments for costs and expenses incurred
20		for	the administration of an employee benefit plan;
21		prov	ided that this exemption shall not apply to any
22		gros	s rental income or gross rental proceeds received



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1 after June 30, 1994, as income from investments in 2 real property in this State; and provided further that 3 gross rental income or gross rental proceeds from 4 investments in real property received by an employee 5 benefit plan after June 30, 1994, under written 6 contracts executed prior to July 1, 1994, shall not be 7 taxed until the contracts are renegotiated, renewed, 8 or extended, or until after December 31, 1998, 9 whichever is earlier. For the purposes of this 10 paragraph, "employee benefit plan" means any plan as defined in section 1002(3) of title 29 of the United 11 12 States Code, as amended; 13 (6) Amounts received for purchases made with United States

13 (6) Amounts received for purchases made with United States 14 Department of Agriculture food coupons under the 15 federal food stamp program, and amounts received for 16 purchases made with United States Department of 17 Agriculture food vouchers under the Special 18 Supplemental Foods Program for Women, Infants and 19 Children;

20 (7) Amounts received by a hospital, infirmary, medical
 21 clinic, health care facility, pharmacy, or a
 22 practitioner licensed to administer the drug to an



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individual for selling prescription drugs or
 prosthetic devices to an individual; provided that
 this paragraph shall not apply to any amounts received
 for services provided in selling prescription drugs or
 prosthetic devices. As used in this paragraph:

6 "Prescription drugs" are those drugs defined 7 under section 328-1 and dispensed by filling or 8 refilling a written or oral prescription by a 9 practitioner licensed under law to administer the drug 10 and sold by a licensed pharmacist under section 328-16 11 or practitioners licensed to administer drugs; and

12 "Prosthetic device" means any artificial device 13 or appliance, instrument, apparatus, or contrivance, 14 including their components, parts, accessories, and replacements thereof, used to replace a missing or 15 16 surgically removed part of the human body, which is prescribed by a licensed practitioner of medicine, 17 osteopathy, or podiatry and which is sold by the 18 19 practitioner or which is dispensed and sold by a 20 dealer of prosthetic devices; provided that "prosthetic device" shall not mean any auditory, 21



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1		ophthalmic, dental, or ocular device or appliance,
2		instrument, apparatus, or contrivance;
3	(8)	Taxes on transient accommodations imposed by chapter
4		237D and passed on and collected by operators holding
5		certificates of registration under that chapter;
6	(9)	Amounts received as dues by an unincorporated
7		merchants association from its membership for
8		advertising media, promotional, and advertising costs
9		for the promotion of the association for the benefit
10		of its members as a whole and not for the benefit of
11		an individual member or group of members less than the
12		entire membership;
13	(10)	Amounts received by a labor organization for real
14		property leased to:
15		(A) A labor organization; or
16		(B) A trust fund established by a labor organization
17		for the benefit of its members, families, and
18		dependents for medical or hospital care, pensions
19		on retirement or death of employees,
20		apprenticeship and training, and other membership
21		service programs.



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1 As used in this paragraph, "labor organization" means 2 a labor organization exempt from federal income tax 3 under section 501(c)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code, 4 as amended; 5 (11)Amounts received from foreign diplomats and consular 6 officials who are holding cards issued or authorized 7 by the United States Department of State granting them 8 an exemption from state taxes; and 9 (12)Amounts received as rent for the rental or leasing of 10 aircraft or aircraft engines used by the lessees or 11 renters for interstate air transportation of 12 passengers and goods. For purposes of this paragraph, 13 payments made pursuant to a lease shall be considered 14 rent regardless of whether the lease is an operating 15 lease or a financing lease. The definition of "interstate air transportation" is the same as in 49 16 17 U.S.C. 40102." 18 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed SECTION 2. 19 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored. 20 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval; 21 provided that the amendments made to section 237-24.3, Hawaii 22 Revised Statutes, by section 1 of this Act shall not be repealed 2013-0754 HB SMA.doc 

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- 1 when that section is reenacted on December 31, 2014, pursuant to
- 2 section 1 of Act 91, Session Laws of Hawaii 2010.

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**Report Title:** General Excise Tax; Livestock; Meat

**Description:** Exempts from the general excise tax money received from interisland loading, transportation, and unloading of livestock and meat.

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