#### A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE TAX CREDIT.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 235-17.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 2 amended to read as follows:
- 3 "[+] §235-17.5[+] Capital infrastructure tax credit. (a)
- 4 There shall be allowed to each taxpayer subject to the taxes
- 5 imposed by this chapter a capital infrastructure tax credit that
- 6 shall be deductible from the taxpayer's net income tax
- 7 liability, if any, imposed by this chapter for the taxable year
- $oldsymbol{8}$  in which the capital infrastructure costs were paid or incurred.
- 9 (b) For the purpose of this section:
- 10 "Base investment" means the amount of money invested by an
- 11 investor.
- 12 "Capital infrastructure costs" means capital expenditures,
- 13 as used in section 263 of the Internal Revenue Code and the
- 14 regulations promulgated thereunder[ provided that the], or
- 15 capital expenditures [are] for real property and fixtures that
- 16 are paid or incurred in connection with the displaced tenant's
- 17 move of the tenant's current active trade or business to the

- 1 tenant's new location; provided further that the capital
- 2 infrastructure costs shall not include amounts for which another
- 3 credit is claimed[-] under this chapter.
- 4 "Net income tax liability" means income tax liability
- 5 reduced by all other credits allowed under this chapter.
- 6 "Qualified infrastructure tenant" means a business:
- 7 (1) That currently owns capital or property or maintains
- 8 an office, operations, or facilities at the former
- 9 Kapalama military reservation site;
- 10 (2) Whose principal business is maritime, and waterfront
- dependent, and is included under the State's plan to
- relocate the business to piers twenty-four through
- twenty-eight within Honolulu harbor; and
- 14 (3) Will be displaced and relocated by the State pursuant
- to the Kapalama container terminal project.
- 16 (c) The amount of the tax credit shall be equal to fifty
- 17 per cent of the capital infrastructure costs paid or incurred by
- 18 the qualified infrastructure tenant during the taxable year up
- 19 to a maximum of [\$2,500,000] \$5,000,000 in [capital
- 20 infrastructure costs | tax credits per qualified tenant in any
- 21 taxable year, provided that the qualified infrastructure tenant



- 1 shall notify the taxpayer claiming the credit under subsection
- 2 (a) of the amount of capital infrastructure costs which may be
- 3 claimed. If the capital infrastructure costs paid or incurred
- 4 by the qualified infrastructure tenant result in a tax credit in
- 5 excess of \$5,000,000 in any taxable year, the excess capital
- 6 infrastructure costs may be carried over and applied to a
- 7 subsequent taxable year or years, until exhausted, for
- 8 computation of the tax credit.
- 9 (d) In the case of an entity taxed as a partnership,
- 10 credit shall be determined at the entity level, but distribution
- 11 and share of the credit may be determined notwithstanding
- 12 section 704 of the Internal Revenue Code.
- (e) The credit allowed under this section shall be claimed
- 14 against the net income tax liability for the taxable year. If
- 15 the tax credit under this section exceeds the taxpayer's income
- 16 tax liability, the excess of the tax credit over liability may
- 17 be used as a credit against the taxpayer's net income tax
- 18 liability in subsequent years until exhausted. All claims,
- 19 including amended claims, for a tax credit under this section
- 20 shall be filed on or before the end of the twelfth month
- 21 following the close of the taxable year for which the credit may

- 1 be claimed. Failure to comply with the foregoing provision
- 2 shall constitute a waiver of the right to claim the credit.
- 3 (f) This section shall not apply to taxable years
- 4 beginning after December 31, 2019.
- 5 (g) Any credit claimed under this section shall be
- 6 recaptured following the close of the taxable year for which the
- 7 credit is claimed if within three years:
- 8 (1) The qualified infrastructure tenant fails to continue
- 9 the line of business it conducted as of July 1, 2014;
- 10 or
- 11 (2) The interest in the qualified infrastructure tenant,
- whether in whole or in part, has been sold, exchanged,
- withdrawn, or otherwise disposed of by the taxpayer
- 14 claiming a credit under this section.
- 15 The recapture shall be equal to one hundred per cent of the
- 16 amount of the total tax credit claimed under this section in the
- 17 preceding five taxable years, and shall be added to the
- 18 taxpayer's tax liability for the taxable year in which the
- 19 recapture occurs pursuant to this subsection.
- 20 (h) The director of taxation shall prepare any forms that
- 21 may be necessary to claim a credit under this section. The



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- 1 director may also require the taxpayer to furnish information to
- 2 ascertain the validity of the claim for credit made under this
- 3 section. The director of taxation may adopt rules to effectuate
- 4 the purposes of this section pursuant to chapter 91."
- 5 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 6 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 7 SECTION 3. This Act, upon its approval, shall apply to
- 8 taxable years beginning after December 31, 2014.

INTRODUCED BY:

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#### Report Title:

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#### Description:

Increases from \$2,500,000 to \$5,000,0000 the maximum tax credit for qualified tenants per taxable year. Allows capital infrastructure costs exceeding \$5,000,000 for one taxable year to be applied to subsequent tax years. Amends definition of "capital improvement costs".

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