THE SENATE TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE, 2015 STATE OF HAWAII

S.B. NO. 125

JAN 2 2 2015

### A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO RENTAL HOUSING.

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

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to provide funding 2 for the rental housing trust fund established under section 3 201H-202, Hawaii Revised Statutes. SECTION 2. Chapter 235, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 4 5 amended by adding a new section to part VI to be appropriately 6 designated and to read as follows: 7 "§235-Additional income designation or check-off authorized. Any law to the contrary notwithstanding, any 8 9 individual whose state income tax refund for any taxable year is 10 \$3 or more may designate \$3 of the refund to be paid to the 11 rental housing trust fund established under section 201H-202 12 when submitting a state income tax return to the department of 13 taxation. In the case of a joint return of spouses having a

14 state income tax refund of at least \$6, each spouse may

15 designate that \$3 be paid to the rental housing trust fund.

16 The director of taxation shall revise the individual state

17 income tax forms to allow the designation of payment to the



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| 1  | rental housing trust fund on the face of the tax return and      |
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| 2  | immediately above the signature lines. The designation shall be  |
| 3  | signified by a check-off similar to the check-offs authorized    |
| 4  | under section 235-102.5. An explanation shall be included that   |
| 5  | clearly states that the designation does not constitute an       |
| 6  | additional tax refund.                                           |
| 7  | If no designation was made on the original tax return when       |
| 8  | filed, a designation may be made by the individual or spouse on  |
| 9  | an amended return filed within twenty months and ten days after  |
| 10 | the due date for the original return for such taxable year. A    |
| 11 | designation once made, whether by an original or amended return, |
| 12 | may not be revoked."                                             |
| 13 | SECTION 3. Section 201H-202, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is         |
| 14 | amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:           |
| 15 | "(c) The following may be deposited into the fund:               |
| 16 | appropriations made by the legislature, private contributions,   |
| 17 | repayment of loans, interest, payments from the income tax       |
| 18 | refund designation under section 235- , other returns, and       |
| 19 | moneys from other sources."                                      |
| 20 | SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.                |



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SECTION 5. This Act, upon its approval, shall apply to 1

2 taxable years beginning after December 31, 2015.

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#### Report Title:

Department of Taxation; Income Tax Check-Off; State Income Tax Refund; Rental Housing Trust Fund

### Description:

Requires the department of taxation to allow a taxpayer to designate or "check-off" that a specified amount of the taxpayer's income tax refund be paid to the rental housing trust fund. Applies to taxable years beginning after 12/31/15.

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