



EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
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DAVID Y. IGE  
GOVERNOR

July 10, 2018

**GOV. MSG. NO. 1279**

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

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,  
Speaker and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Twenty-Ninth 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 July 10, 2018, the following bill was signed into law:

HB2354 HD1 SD2 CD1

RELATING TO THE INCOME CHECK-OFF  
**ACT 170 (18)**

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

Approved by the Governor

on JUL 10 2018

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE, 2018  
STATE OF HAWAII

ORIGINAL

ACT 170

H.B. NO.

2354  
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S.D. 2  
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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE INCOME CHECK-OFF.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the demand of Hawaii  
2 state public library system patrons for library books and  
3 materials, including electronic resources, is increasing every  
4 year. Since the initial adoption of the libraries special fund  
5 income tax check-off in 2003, the collection of the Hawaii state  
6 public library system has transitioned from a paper-based  
7 collection to one that includes library materials in a variety  
8 of different and new formats to keep up with advances in  
9 technology and in response to the requests of library patrons  
10 statewide.

11           The purpose of this Act is to provide an opportunity for  
12 the public to increase their support of the Hawaii state public  
13 library system by making a contribution to the libraries special  
14 fund, which is used to purchase additional library materials for  
15 the Hawaii state public library system collection.

16           SECTION 2. Section 235-102.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
17 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:



1           "(c) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, any  
2 individual whose state income tax refund for any taxable year is  
3 [~~\$2~~] \$5 or more may designate [~~\$2~~] \$5 of the refund to be paid  
4 over to the libraries special fund established by section 312-  
5 3.6, when submitting a state income tax return to the  
6 department. In the case of a joint return of a [~~husband and~~  
7 wife] married couple having a state income tax refund of [~~\$4~~]  
8 \$10 or more, each spouse may designate that [~~\$2~~] \$5 be deposited  
9 into the special fund. The director of taxation shall revise  
10 the individual state income tax form to allow the designation of  
11 contributions to the fund on the face of the tax return and  
12 immediately above the signature lines. If no designation was  
13 made on the original tax return when filed, a designation may be  
14 made by the individual on an amended return filed within twenty  
15 months and ten days after the due date for the original return  
16 for [~~such~~] that taxable year. A designation once made, whether  
17 by an original or amended return, may not be revoked."

18           SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
19 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.



1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2018, and  
2 shall be applicable to taxable years beginning after  
3 December 31, 2017.

APPROVED this 10 day of JUL , 2018



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII



HB No. 2354, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 1, 2018  
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Twenty-Ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018.



Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker  
House of Representatives



Brian L. Takeshita  
Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives

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

Date: May 1, 2018  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the  
Senate of the Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2018.

  
President of the Senate

  
Clerk of the Senate