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### A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TAXATION.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 235, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 2 amended by adding a new section to part I to be appropriately
- 3 designated and to read as follows:
- 4 "§235- Hiring an elderly individual; income tax credit.
- 5 (a) There shall be allowed to each taxpayer subject to the tax
- 6 imposed by this chapter, a credit for the hiring of an elderly
- 7 individual, which shall be deductible from the taxpayer's net
- 8 income tax liability, if any, imposed by this chapter for the
- 9 taxable year in which the credit is properly claimed.
- 10 (b) The amount of the credit shall be equal to fifty per
- 11 cent of the qualified wages for the first six months after the
- 12 elderly individual is initially hired. A tax credit that
- 13 exceeds the taxpayer's income tax liability may be used as a
- 14 credit against the taxpayer's income tax liability in subsequent
- 15 years until exhausted; provided that in no taxable year shall
- 16 the total amount of the tax credit claimed under this section
- 17 exceed \$ per taxpayer.



1	<u>(c)</u>	The	following wages paid to an elderly individual are
2	ineligibl	e to	be claimed by the employer for this credit:
3	(1)	No w	ages shall be taken into account under this
4		sect	ion with respect to an elderly individual who:
5		(A)	Bears any of the relationships described in
6			section 152(d)(2)(A) through (G) of the Internal
7			Revenue Code to the taxpayer, or, if the taxpayer
8			is a corporation, to an individual who owns,
9			directly or indirectly, more than fifty per cent
10			in value of the outstanding stock of the
11			corporation (determined with the application of
12			section 267(c) of the Internal Revenue Code);
13		(B)	If the taxpayer is an estate or trust, is a
14			grantor, beneficiary, or fiduciary of the estate
15			or trust, or is an individual who bears any of
16			the relationships described in section
17			152(d)(2)(A) through (G) of the Internal Revenue
18			Code to a grantor, beneficiary, or fiduciary of
19			the estate or trust; or
20		(C)	Is a dependent (described in section 152(d)(2)(H)
21			of the Internal Revenue Code) of the taxpayer,

1		or, if the taxpayer is an estate or trust, of a
2		grantor, beneficiary, or fiduciary of the estate
3		or trust; and
4	(2)	No wages shall be taken into account under this
5		section with respect to any elderly individual if,
6		prior to the day the individual is hired by the
7		employer, the individual had been employed by the
8		employer at any time.
9	(d)	In the case of a successor employer referred to in
10	section 3	306(b)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code, the
11	determina	tion of the amount of the tax credit allowable under
12	this sect	ion with respect to wages paid by the successor
13	employer	shall be made in the same manner as if the wages were
14	paid by t	he predecessor employer referred to in section
15	3306 (b) (1	) of the Internal Revenue Code.
16	<u>(e)</u>	Claims for the tax credit under this section,
17	including	any amended claims, shall be filed on or before the
18	end of th	e twelfth month following the taxable year for which
19	the credi	t may be claimed. Failure to comply with the foregoing
20	provision	shall constitute a waiver of the right to claim the
21	tax credi	t.

1.	(f)	The director of taxation:
2	(1)	Shall prepare any forms necessary to claim a credit
3		under this section;
4	(2)	May require a taxpayer to furnish reasonable
5		information to ascertain the validity of a claim for
6		credit; and
7	(3)	May adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91 to effectuate
8		the purposes of this section.
9	(g)	For purposes of this section:
10	<u>"Eld</u>	erly individual" means an individual who is sixty years
11	of age or	older.
12	<u>"Qua</u>	lified wages" means wages attributable to work rendered
13	by an eld	erly individual for the six-month period after the
14	individua	l is initially hired.
15	"Wag	es" means wages, commissions, fees, salaries, bonuses,
16	and every	and all other kinds of remuneration for, or
17	compensat	ion attributable to, services performed by an employee
18	for the e	mployee's employer, including the cash value of all
19	remunerat	ion paid in any medium other than cash and the cost-of-
20	living al	lowances and other payments included in gross income by

1	section 235-7(b), but excluding income excluded from gross
2	income by section 235-7 or other provisions of this chapter."
3	SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.
4	SECTION 3. This Act, upon its approval, shall apply to
5	taxable years beginning after December 31, 2018.
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	INTRODUCED BY:  By Request

### Report Title:

Hawaii State Association of Counties Package; Taxation; Income Tax Credit; Elderly

#### Description:

Provides a taxpayer who hires an elderly individual a nonrefundable tax credit for the 6-month period after the individual is initially hired by the taxpayer. Applies to taxable years beginning after 12/31/2018.

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