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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TAXATION.

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

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PART I

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the current property tax structure caters to non-residents and burdens local residents, particularly the senior population and first-time home buyers. According to a 2017 real property tax analysis report by the department of business, economic development, and tourism, about twenty per cent of all real properties in the State are owned by non-residents and 12.5 per cent of residential properties are owned by non-residents. The legislature believes that the State has the capacity to shift a portion of the property tax burden to out-of-state homebuyers without placing a further financial burden on local residents who own real property and use it as their principal residence. Under existing law, non-residents are afforded the luxury of an investment in highly appreciable land while, at the same time, they are able to export their income tax to a state where the



1 rate is lower. This results in raising the cost of living and  
2 home ownership for Hawaii residents.

3 While the legislature believes that the tax burden should  
4 be shifted to non-residents, the legislature also believes that  
5 a fair assessment of homeowner exemptions is needed to offset  
6 the burdens local residents face. The legislature finds that  
7 the first step in this process should be to take away the  
8 portion of transient accommodations tax revenues currently  
9 allocated to the counties. Taking away the transient  
10 accommodations tax revenues would incentivize counties to  
11 increase property taxes. To protect local residents, the  
12 existing homeowner exemptions for residents would be increased  
13 to offset the increase in property taxes. Second, income tax  
14 rates for Hawaii residents should be simplified and over time  
15 completely eliminated. This can be accomplished by gradually  
16 reducing income tax rates and replacing the lost tax revenue  
17 with real property tax revenues. Such an elimination of income  
18 taxes would truly provide financial security and stability to  
19 the State's most vulnerable working class or asset limited,  
20 income constrained, employed households.



1           The legislature believes that, over time, the two  
2 approaches in this Act will act as a revenue-neutral solution to  
3 help lessen the financial burden of the State and its residents,  
4 improve the cost of living, and increase the housing supply for  
5 residents – three ideals that the State has long sought to  
6 achieve.

7           Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to:

- 8           (1) Authorize each county to levy a county surcharge on  
9           transient accommodations tax if the county satisfies  
10           certain real property tax requirements;
- 11           (2) Repeal the allocation of transient accommodations tax  
12           revenue to the counties and make conforming  
13           amendments;
- 14           (3) Establish a residential property owner tax credit and  
15           a residential circuit breaker tax credit; and
- 16           (4) Beginning with taxable years after December 31, 2021,  
17           gradually implement new individual income tax and  
18           corporation income tax brackets and rates in  
19           three-year intervals.



1 PART II

2 SECTION 2. Chapter 46, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended  
3 by adding a new section to part I to be appropriately designated  
4 and to read as follows:

5 "§46- County surcharge on transient accommodations tax.

6 (a) Each county may establish a surcharge on transient  
7 accommodations tax at the rate enumerated in section 237D-  
8 and shall do so by ordinance; provided that:

9 (1) No ordinance shall be adopted until the county has  
10 conducted a public hearing on the proposed ordinance;  
11 and

12 (2) No county shall establish a surcharge pursuant to this  
13 subsection unless it satisfies the requirements of  
14 subsection (c).

15 Notice of the public hearing required under paragraph (1) shall  
16 be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the  
17 county at least twice within a period of thirty days immediately  
18 preceding the date of the hearing.

19 (b) A county electing to exercise the authority granted  
20 under this section shall notify the director of taxation within  
21 ten days after the county has adopted a surcharge on transient



1 accommodations tax ordinance and the director of taxation shall  
2 levy, assess, collect, and otherwise administer the county  
3 surcharge on transient accommodations tax.

4 (c) Prior to establishing a surcharge on transient  
5 accommodations tax, a county shall:

6 (1) Set all real property tax rates as follows:

7 (A) Beginning January 1, 2022, no less than \$5 per  
8 \$1,000;

9 (B) Beginning January 1, 2025, no less than \$7.50 per  
10 \$1,000;

11 (C) Beginning January 1, 2028, no less than \$10 per  
12 \$1,000; and

13 (D) Beginning January 1, 2031, no less than \$15 per  
14 \$1,000;

15 provided that this paragraph shall not apply to real  
16 property classified as conservation property;

17 (2) Increase the property exemptions for taxpayers who use  
18 the property as their principal residence no less than  
19 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ from the existing amounts as of July 1,  
20 2021; and



1        (3) Lower the minimum age requirement for the home  
2                    exemption no less than            years from the current  
3                    minimum age requirement as of July 1, 2021."

4            SECTION 3. Chapter 237D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
5 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
6 and to read as follows:

7            "§237D-            County surcharge on transient accommodations  
8 tax; administration. (a) The county surcharge on transient  
9 accommodations tax, upon the adoption of county ordinances and  
10 in accordance with section 46-            , shall be levied, assessed,  
11 and collected as provided in this section on all gross rental or  
12 gross rental proceeds taxable under this chapter. No county  
13 shall set the surcharge on transient accommodations tax at a  
14 rate greater than            per cent of all gross rental or gross  
15 rental proceeds taxable under this chapter. All provisions of  
16 this chapter shall apply to the county surcharge on transient  
17 accommodations tax. With respect to the surcharge, the director  
18 of taxation shall have the exclusive rights and power to  
19 determine the county or counties in which a person is engaged in  
20 business, and, in the case of a person engaged in business in  
21 more than one county, the director shall determine, through



1 apportionment or other means, that portion of the surcharge on  
2 transient accommodations tax attributable to business conducted  
3 in each county.

4 (b) Each county surcharge on transient accommodations tax  
5 that may be adopted pursuant to section 46- shall be levied  
6 beginning in the taxable year after the adoption of the relevant  
7 county ordinance.

8 (c) The director of taxation shall revise the transient  
9 accommodations tax forms to provide for the clear and separate  
10 designation of the imposition and payment of the county  
11 surcharge on transient accommodations tax.

12 (d) The taxpayer shall designate the taxation district to  
13 which the county surcharge on transient accommodations tax is  
14 assigned in accordance with rules adopted by the director of  
15 taxation pursuant to chapter 91. The taxpayer shall file a  
16 schedule with the taxpayer's periodic and annual transient  
17 accommodations tax returns summarizing the amount of taxes  
18 assigned to each taxation district.

19 (e) The penalties provided by section 231-39 for failure  
20 to file a tax return shall be imposed on the amount of surcharge  
21 due on the return being filed for the failure to file the



1 schedule required to accompany the return. In addition, there  
2 shall be added to the tax an amount equal to ten per cent of the  
3 amount of the surcharge and tax due on the return being filed  
4 for the failure to file the schedule or failure to correctly  
5 report the assignment of the transient accommodations tax by  
6 taxation district on the schedule required under this  
7 subsection.

8 (f) All taxpayers who file on a fiscal year basis whose  
9 fiscal year ends after December 31 of the year prior to the  
10 taxable year in which the taxes become effective, shall file a  
11 short period annual return for the period preceding January 1 of  
12 the taxable year in which the taxes become effective. Each  
13 fiscal year, a taxpayer shall file a short period annual return  
14 for the period starting on January 1 of the taxable year in  
15 which the taxes become effective and ending before January 1 of  
16 the following year."

17 SECTION 4. Chapter 248, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
18 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
19 and to read as follows:

20 "§248- County surcharge on transient accommodations  
21 tax; disposition of proceeds. (a) If adopted by county



1 ordinance, all county surcharges on transient accommodations tax  
2 collected by the director of taxation shall be paid into the  
3 state treasury quarterly, within ten working days after  
4 collection, and shall be placed by the director of finance in  
5 special accounts. Out of the revenues generated by county  
6 surcharges on transient accommodations tax paid into each  
7 respective state treasury special account, the director of  
8 finance shall deduct five per cent of the gross proceeds of a  
9 respective county's surcharge on transient accommodations tax to  
10 reimburse the State for the costs of assessment, collection, and  
11 disposition of the county surcharge on transient accommodations  
12 tax incurred by the State. Amounts retained shall be general  
13 fund realizations of the State.

14 (b) The amounts deducted for costs of assessment,  
15 collection, and disposition of county surcharges on transient  
16 accommodations tax shall be withheld from payment to the  
17 counties by the State out of the county surcharges on transient  
18 accommodations tax collected for the current calendar year.

19 (c) After the deduction and withholding of the costs under  
20 subsections (a) and (b), the director of finance shall pay the  
21 remaining balance on a quarterly basis to the director of



1 finance of each county that has adopted a county surcharge on  
2 transient accommodations tax under section 46- . The  
3 quarterly payments shall be made after the county surcharges on  
4 transient accommodations tax have been paid into the state  
5 treasury special accounts or after the disposition of any tax  
6 appeal, as the case may be. All county surcharges on transient  
7 accommodations tax collected shall be distributed by the  
8 director of finance to the county in which the county surcharge  
9 on transient accommodations tax is generated and shall be a  
10 general fund realization of the county.

11 (d) For the purposes of this section, the costs of  
12 assessment, collection, and disposition of the county surcharges  
13 on transient accommodations tax shall include any and all costs,  
14 direct or indirect, that are deemed necessary and proper to  
15 effectively administer this section and section 237D- ."

16 PART III

17 SECTION 5. Section 87A-42, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
18 amended to read as follows:

19 "**§87A-42 Other post-employment benefits trust.** (a)  
20 Notwithstanding sections 87A-31 and 87A-31.5, the board, upon  
21 terms and conditions set by the board, shall establish and



1 administer a separate trust fund for the purpose of receiving  
2 employer contributions that will prefund other post-employment  
3 health and other benefit plan costs for retirees and their  
4 beneficiaries. The separate trust fund shall meet the  
5 requirements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board  
6 regarding other post-employment benefits trusts. The board  
7 shall establish and maintain a separate account for each public  
8 employer within the separate trust fund to accept and account  
9 for each public employer's contributions. Employer  
10 contributions to the separate trust fund shall be irrevocable,  
11 all assets of the fund shall be dedicated exclusively to  
12 providing health and other benefits to retirees and their  
13 beneficiaries, and assets of the fund shall not be subject to  
14 appropriation for any other purpose and shall not be subject to  
15 claims by creditors of the employers or the board or plan  
16 administrator. The board's powers under section 87A-24 shall  
17 also apply to the fund established pursuant to this section.

18 (b) Public employer contributions shall be paid into the  
19 fund in each fiscal year, and commencing with the 2018-2019  
20 fiscal year, the amount of the annual public employer



1 contribution shall be equal to the amount of the annual required  
2 contribution, as determined by an actuary retained by the board.

3 (c) In any fiscal year subsequent to the 2017-2018 fiscal  
4 year in which the state public employer's contributions into the  
5 fund are less than the amount of the annual required  
6 contribution, the amount that represents the excess of the  
7 annual required contribution over the state public employer's  
8 contributions shall be deposited into the appropriate account of  
9 the separate trust fund from a portion of all general excise tax  
10 revenues collected by the department of taxation under  
11 section 237-31.

12 If any general excise tax revenues are deposited into the  
13 separate trust fund in any fiscal year as a result of this  
14 subsection, the director of finance shall notify the legislature  
15 and governor whether the general fund expenditure ceiling for  
16 that fiscal year would have been exceeded if those revenues had  
17 been legislatively appropriated instead of deposited without  
18 appropriation into the trust fund. The notification shall be  
19 submitted within thirty days following the end of the applicable  
20 fiscal year.



1       ~~[(d) In any fiscal year subsequent to the 2017-2018 fiscal~~  
2 ~~year in which a county public employer's contributions into the~~  
3 ~~fund are less than the amount of the annual required~~  
4 ~~contribution, the amount that represents the excess of the~~  
5 ~~annual required contribution over the county public employer's~~  
6 ~~contributions shall be deposited into the fund from a portion of~~  
7 ~~all transient accommodations tax revenues collected by the~~  
8 ~~department of taxation under section 237D-6.5(b)(4). The~~  
9 ~~director of finance shall deduct the amount necessary to meet~~  
10 ~~the county public employer's annual required contribution from~~  
11 ~~the revenues derived under section 237D-6.5(b)(4) and transfer~~  
12 ~~the amount to the board for deposit into the appropriate account~~  
13 ~~of the separate trust fund.~~

14       ~~(e)]~~ (d) In any fiscal year subsequent to fiscal year  
15 2017-2018 in which a public employer's contributions into the  
16 fund are less than the amount of the annual required  
17 contribution and the public employer is not entitled to  
18 transient accommodations tax revenues sufficient to satisfy the  
19 total amount of the annual required contribution, the public  
20 employer's contributions shall be deposited into the fund from  
21 portions of any other revenues collected on behalf of the public



1 employer or held by the State. The director of finance shall  
 2 deduct the amount necessary to meet the public employer's annual  
 3 required contribution from any revenues collected on behalf of  
 4 the public employer held by the State and transfer the amount to  
 5 the board for deposit into the appropriate account of the  
 6 separate trust fund.

7 [~~f~~] (e) For the purposes of this section, "annual  
 8 required contribution" means a public employer's required  
 9 contribution to the trust fund established in this section that  
 10 is sufficient to cover:

- 11 (1) The normal cost, which is the cost of other post-  
 12 employment benefits attributable to the current year  
 13 of service; and
- 14 (2) An amortization payment, which is a catch-up payment  
 15 for past service costs to fund the unfunded actuarial  
 16 accrued liability over the next thirty years."

17 SECTION 6. Section 171-19, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
 18 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

19 "(a) There is created in the department a special fund to  
 20 be designated as the "special land and development fund".

21 Subject to the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920, as



1 amended, and section 5(f) of the Admission Act of 1959, all  
2 proceeds of sale of public lands, including interest on deferred  
3 payments; all moneys collected under section 171-58 for mineral  
4 and water rights; all rents from leases, licenses, and permits  
5 derived from public lands; all moneys collected from lessees of  
6 public lands within industrial parks; all fees, fines, and other  
7 administrative charges collected under this chapter and  
8 chapter 183C; a portion of the highway fuel tax collected under  
9 chapter 243; all moneys collected by the department for the  
10 commercial use of public trails and trail accesses under the  
11 jurisdiction of the department; transient accommodations tax  
12 revenues collected pursuant to section [~~237D-6.5(b)(5);~~]  
13 237D-6.5(b)(4); and private contributions for the management,  
14 maintenance, and development of trails and accesses shall be set  
15 apart in the fund and shall be used only as authorized by the  
16 legislature for the following purposes:

- 17 (1) To reimburse the general fund of the State for  
18 advances made that are required to be reimbursed from  
19 the proceeds derived from sales, leases, licenses, or  
20 permits of public lands;



- 1 (2) For the planning, development, management, operations,  
2 or maintenance of all lands and improvements under the  
3 control and management of the board pursuant to  
4 title 12, including but not limited to permanent or  
5 temporary staff positions who may be appointed without  
6 regard to chapter 76; provided that transient  
7 accommodations tax revenues allocated to the fund  
8 shall be expended as provided in section [~~237D-~~  
9 ~~6.5(b)(5);~~] 237D-6.5(b)(4);
- 10 (3) To repurchase any land, including improvements, in the  
11 exercise by the board of any right of repurchase  
12 specifically reserved in any patent, deed, lease, or  
13 other documents or as provided by law;
- 14 (4) For the payment of all appraisal fees; provided that  
15 all fees reimbursed to the board shall be deposited in  
16 the fund;
- 17 (5) For the payment of publication notices as required  
18 under this chapter; provided that all or a portion of  
19 the expenditures may be charged to the purchaser or  
20 lessee of public lands or any interest therein under  
21 rules adopted by the board;



- 1 (6) For the management, maintenance, and development of  
2 trails and trail accesses under the jurisdiction of  
3 the department;
- 4 (7) For the payment to private land developers who have  
5 contracted with the board for development of public  
6 lands under section 171-60;
- 7 (8) For the payment of debt service on revenue bonds  
8 issued by the department, and the establishment of  
9 debt service and other reserves deemed necessary by  
10 the board;
- 11 (9) To reimburse the general fund for debt service on  
12 general obligation bonds issued to finance  
13 departmental projects, where the bonds are designated  
14 to be reimbursed from the special land and development  
15 fund;
- 16 (10) For the protection, planning, management, and  
17 regulation of water resources under chapter 174C; and  
18 (11) For other purposes of this chapter."

19 SECTION 7. Section 237D-6.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
20 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:



1           "(b) Except for the revenues collected pursuant to  
2 section 237D-2(e), revenues collected under this chapter shall  
3 be distributed in the following priority, with the excess  
4 revenues to be deposited into the general fund:

5           (1) \$1,500,000 shall be allocated to the Turtle Bay  
6 conservation easement special fund beginning July 1,  
7 2015, for the reimbursement to the state general fund  
8 of debt service on reimbursable general obligation  
9 bonds, including ongoing expenses related to the  
10 issuance of the bonds, the proceeds of which were used  
11 to acquire the conservation easement and other real  
12 property interests in Turtle Bay, Oahu, for the  
13 protection, preservation, and enhancement of natural  
14 resources important to the State, until the bonds are  
15 fully amortized;

16           (2) \$16,500,000 shall be allocated to the convention  
17 center enterprise special fund established under  
18 section 201B-8;

19           (3) \$79,000,000 shall be allocated to the tourism special  
20 fund established under section 201B-11; provided that:



1 (A) Beginning on July 1, 2012, and ending on June 30,  
2 2015, \$2,000,000 shall be expended from the  
3 tourism special fund for development and  
4 implementation of initiatives to take advantage  
5 of expanded visa programs and increased travel  
6 opportunities for international visitors to  
7 Hawaii;

8 (B) Of the \$79,000,000 allocated:

9 (i) \$1,000,000 shall be allocated for the  
10 operation of a Hawaiian center and the  
11 museum of Hawaiian music and dance; and

12 (ii) 0.5 per cent of the \$79,000,000 shall be  
13 transferred to a sub-account in the tourism  
14 special fund to provide funding for a safety  
15 and security budget, in accordance with the  
16 Hawaii tourism strategic plan 2005-2015; and

17 (C) Of the revenues remaining in the tourism special  
18 fund after revenues have been deposited as  
19 provided in this paragraph and except for any sum  
20 authorized by the legislature for expenditure  
21 from revenues subject to this paragraph,



1 beginning July 1, 2007, funds shall be deposited  
 2 into the tourism emergency special fund,  
 3 established in section 201B-10, in a manner  
 4 sufficient to maintain a fund balance of  
 5 \$5,000,000 in the tourism emergency special fund;  
 6 and

7 ~~[(4) \$103,000,000 shall be allocated as follows:—Kauai~~  
 8 ~~county shall receive 14.5 per cent, Hawaii county~~  
 9 ~~shall receive 18.6 per cent, city and county of~~  
 10 ~~Honolulu shall receive 44.1 per cent, and Maui county~~  
 11 ~~shall receive 22.8 per cent; provided that commencing~~  
 12 ~~with fiscal year 2018-2019, a sum that represents the~~  
 13 ~~difference between a county public employer's annual~~  
 14 ~~required contribution for the separate trust fund~~  
 15 ~~established under section 87A-42 and the amount of the~~  
 16 ~~county public employer's contributions into that trust~~  
 17 ~~fund shall be retained by the state director of~~  
 18 ~~finance and deposited to the credit of the county~~  
 19 ~~public employer's annual required contribution into~~  
 20 ~~that trust fund in each fiscal year, as provided in~~  
 21 ~~section 87A-42, if the respective county fails to~~



1           ~~remit the total amount of the county's required annual~~  
 2           ~~contributions, as required under section 87A-43; and~~  
 3           (5)] (4) \$3,000,000 shall be allocated to the special land  
 4           and development fund established under section 171-19;  
 5           provided that the allocation shall be expended in  
 6           accordance with the Hawaii tourism authority strategic  
 7           plan for:

- 8           (A) The protection, preservation, maintenance, and
- 9           enhancement of natural resources, including
- 10           beaches, important to the visitor industry;
- 11           (B) Planning, construction, and repair of facilities;
- 12           and
- 13           (C) Operation and maintenance costs of public lands,
- 14           including beaches, connected with enhancing the
- 15           visitor experience.

16           All transient accommodations taxes shall be paid into the  
 17           state treasury each month within ten days after collection and  
 18           shall be kept by the state director of finance in special  
 19           accounts for distribution as provided in this subsection.



1 As used in this subsection, "fiscal year" means the twelve-  
2 month period beginning on July 1 of a calendar year and ending  
3 on June 30 of the following calendar year."

4 PART IV

5 SECTION 8. Chapter 235, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
6 amended by adding two new sections to be appropriately  
7 designated and to read as follows:

8 "§235- Residential property owner tax credit. (a)

9 There shall be allowed to each qualified taxpayer subject to the  
10 tax imposed under this chapter, a residential property owner tax  
11 credit that shall be deductible from the taxpayer's net income  
12 tax liability, if any, imposed by this chapter for the taxable  
13 year in which the credit is properly claimed.

14 (b) In the case of a partnership, S corporation, estate,  
15 or trust, the tax credit allowable is for qualified expenses  
16 incurred by the entity for the taxable year. The expenses upon  
17 which the tax credit is computed shall be determined at the  
18 entity level. Distribution and share of credit shall be  
19 determined pursuant to section 704(b) of the Internal Revenue  
20 Code.



1        (c) The residential property owner tax credit shall be  
2 equal to            per cent of the real property tax owed and paid by  
3 a qualified taxpayer in a taxable year; provided that the credit  
4 shall not be applied to any value of the property exceeding  
5 \$1,000,000.

6        (d) The director of taxation:

7        (1) Shall prepare any forms that may be necessary to claim  
8 a tax credit under this section;

9        (2) May require the taxpayer to furnish reasonable  
10 information to ascertain the validity of the claim for  
11 the tax credit made under this section; and

12        (3) May adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91 necessary to  
13 effectuate the purposes of this section.

14        (e) If the tax credit claimed by a qualified taxpayer  
15 exceeds the amount of income tax payment due from the qualified  
16 taxpayer, the excess of the credit over payments due shall be  
17 refunded to the qualified taxpayer; provided that the tax credit  
18 properly claimed by a qualified individual who has no income tax  
19 liability shall be paid to the qualified individual.

20        (f) All claims for the tax credit under this section,  
21 including amended claims, shall be filed on or before the end of



1 the twelfth month following the close of the taxable year for  
2 which the credit may be claimed. Failure to comply with the  
3 foregoing provision shall constitute a waiver of the right to  
4 claim the credit.

5 (g) For the purposes of this section:

6 "Principal residence" means a residential property in the  
7 State in which a taxpayer has occupied for no less than two  
8 hundred seventy calendar days of a calendar year.

9 "Qualified taxpayer" means a resident who pays real  
10 property taxes to a county of the State for a residential  
11 property that is used as the taxpayer's principal residence  
12 during the taxable year.

13 "Resident" has the same meaning as defined in  
14 section 235-1.

15 §235- Residential circuit breaker tax credit. (a)

16 There shall be allowed to each qualified taxpayer subject to the  
17 tax imposed under this chapter, a circuit breaker tax credit  
18 that shall be deductible from the taxpayer's net income tax  
19 liability, if any, imposed by this chapter for the taxable year  
20 in which the credit is properly claimed.



1        (b) The tax credit under this section shall be equal to  
2        per cent of the real property tax owed and paid by a  
3        qualified taxpayer in a taxable year.

4        (c) The director of taxation:

5        (1) Shall prepare any forms that may be necessary to claim  
6        a tax credit under this section;

7        (2) May require the taxpayer to furnish reasonable  
8        information to ascertain the validity of the claim for  
9        the tax credit made under this section; and

10       (3) May adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91 necessary to  
11       effectuate the purposes of this section.

12       (d) If the tax credit claimed by a qualified taxpayer  
13       exceeds the amount of income tax payment due from the qualified  
14       taxpayer, the excess of the credit over payments due shall be  
15       refunded to the qualified taxpayer; provided that the tax credit  
16       properly claimed by a qualified individual who has no income tax  
17       liability shall be paid to the qualified individual.

18       (e) All claims for the tax credit under this section,  
19       including amended claims, shall be filed on or before the end of  
20       the twelfth month following the close of the taxable year for  
21       which the credit may be claimed. Failure to comply with the



1 foregoing provision shall constitute a waiver of the right to  
2 claim the credit.

3 (f) For the purposes of this section:

4 "Principal residence" means a residential property in the  
5 State in which a taxpayer has occupied for no less than two  
6 hundred seventy calendar days of a calendar year.

7 "Qualified taxpayer" means a resident who:

8 (1) Is sixty-five years of age or older;

9 (2) Is not a dependent of another taxpayer;

10 (3) Has a total earned income that is less than \$20,000;

11 and

12 (4) Owns and occupies a residential property that is used  
13 as a principal residence and the assessed value of the  
14 residential property does not exceed \$1,000,000.

15 "Resident" has the same meaning as defined in  
16 section 235-1."

17 SECTION 9. Section 235-51, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
18 amended by amending subsections (a) to (c) to read as follows:

19 "(a) There is hereby imposed on the taxable income of  
20 every:



1 (1) Taxpayer who files a joint return under  
 2 section 235-93; and  
 3 (2) Surviving spouse,  
 4 a tax determined in accordance with the following table:

5 In the case of any taxable year beginning after  
 6 December 31, 2001:

7	If the taxable income is:	The tax shall be:
8	Not over \$4,000	1.40% of taxable income
9	Over \$4,000 but	\$56.00 plus 3.20% of
10	not over \$8,000	excess over \$4,000
11	Over \$8,000 but	\$184.00 plus 5.50% of
12	not over \$16,000	excess over \$8,000
13	Over \$16,000 but	\$624.00 plus 6.40% of
14	not over \$24,000	excess over \$16,000
15	Over \$24,000 but	\$1,136.00 plus 6.80% of
16	not over \$32,000	excess over \$24,000
17	Over \$32,000 but	\$1,680.00 plus 7.20% of
18	not over \$40,000	excess over \$32,000
19	Over \$40,000 but	\$2,256.00 plus 7.60% of
20	not over \$60,000	excess over \$40,000
21	Over \$60,000 but	\$3,776.00 plus 7.90% of





1 Over \$96,000 \$6,427.00 plus 8.25% of  
2 excess over \$96,000.

3 In the case of any taxable year beginning after  
4 December 31, 2017:

5	If the taxable income is:	The tax shall be:
6	Not over \$4,800	1.40% of taxable income
7	Over \$4,800 but	\$67.00 plus 3.20% of
8	not over \$9,600	excess over \$4,800
9	Over \$9,600 but	\$221.00 plus 5.50% of
10	not over \$19,200	excess over \$9,600
11	Over \$19,200 but	\$749.00 plus 6.40% of
12	not over \$28,800	excess over \$19,200
13	Over \$28,800 but	\$1,363.00 plus 6.80% of
14	not over \$38,400	excess over \$28,800
15	Over \$38,400 but	\$2,016.00 plus 7.20% of
16	not over \$48,000	excess over \$38,400
17	Over \$48,000 but	\$2,707.00 plus 7.60% of
18	not over \$72,000	excess over \$48,000
19	Over \$72,000 but	\$4,531.00 plus 7.90% of
20	not over \$96,000	excess over \$72,000
21	Over \$96,000 but	\$6,427.00 plus 8.25% of



1           not over \$300,000                           excess over \$96,000  
2           Over \$300,000 but                           \$23,257.00 plus 9.00% of  
3           not over \$350,000                           excess over \$300,000  
4           Over \$350,000 but                           \$27,757.00 plus 10.00% of  
5           not over \$400,000                           excess over \$350,000  
6           Over \$400,000                               \$32,757.00 plus 11.00% of  
7   excess over \$400,000.

8           In the case of any taxable year beginning after  
9           December 31, 2021:

10	<u>If the taxable income is:</u>	<u>The tax shall be:</u>
11	<u>Not over \$300,000</u>	<u>6.00% of taxable income</u>
12	<u>Over \$300,000</u>	<u>8.00% of taxable income.</u>

13           In the case of any taxable year beginning after  
14           December 31, 2024:

15	<u>If the taxable income is:</u>	<u>The tax shall be:</u>
16	<u>Not over \$300,000</u>	<u>3.90% of taxable income</u>
17	<u>Over \$300,000</u>	<u>6.00% of taxable income.</u>

18           In the case of any taxable year beginning after  
19           December 31, 2027:

20	<u>If the taxable income is:</u>	<u>The tax shall be:</u>
21	<u>Not over \$300,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>



1                    Over \$300,000                    4.50% of taxable income.

2                    In the case of any taxable year beginning after  
3 December 31, 2030:

4                    If the taxable income is:                    The tax shall be:

5                    Not over \$300,000                    \$0

6                    Over \$300,000                    \$0.

7                    (b) There is hereby imposed on the taxable income of every  
8 head of a household a tax determined in accordance with the  
9 following table:

10                    In the case of any taxable year beginning after  
11 December 31, 2001:

12                    If the taxable income is:                    The tax shall be:

13                    Not over \$3,000                    1.40% of taxable income

14                    Over \$3,000 but                    \$42.00 plus 3.20% of  
15                    not over \$6,000                    excess over \$3,000

16                    Over \$6,000 but                    \$138.00 plus 5.50% of  
17                    not over \$12,000                    excess over \$6,000

18                    Over \$12,000 but                    \$468.00 plus 6.40% of  
19                    not over \$18,000                    excess over \$12,000

20                    Over \$18,000 but                    \$852.00 plus 6.80% of  
21                    not over \$24,000                    excess over \$18,000



1	Over \$24,000 but	\$1,260.00 plus 7.20% of
2	not over \$30,000	excess over \$24,000
3	Over \$30,000 but	\$1,692.00 plus 7.60% of
4	not over \$45,000	excess over \$30,000
5	Over \$45,000 but	\$2,832.00 plus 7.90% of
6	not over \$60,000	excess over \$45,000
7	Over \$60,000	\$4,017.00 plus 8.25% of
8		excess over \$60,000.

9 In the case of any taxable year beginning after  
10 December 31, 2006:

11	If the taxable income is:	The tax shall be:
12	Not over \$3,600	1.40% of taxable income
13	Over \$3,600 but	\$50.00 plus 3.20% of
14	not over \$7,200	excess over \$3,600
15	Over \$7,200 but	\$166.00 plus 5.50% of
16	not over \$14,400	excess over \$7,200
17	Over \$14,400 but	\$562.00 plus 6.40% of
18	not over \$21,600	excess over \$14,400
19	Over \$21,600 but	\$1,022.00 plus 6.80% of
20	not over \$28,800	excess over \$21,600
21	Over \$28,800 but	\$1,512.00 plus 7.20% of



1	not over \$36,000	excess over \$28,800
2	Over \$36,000 but	\$2,030.00 plus 7.60% of
3	not over \$54,000	excess over \$36,000
4	Over \$54,000 but	\$3,398.00 plus 7.90% of
5	not over \$72,000	excess over \$54,000
6	Over \$72,000	\$4,820.00 plus 8.25% of
7		excess over \$72,000.

8 In the case of any taxable year beginning after  
9 December 31, 2017:

10	If the taxable income is:	The tax shall be:
11	Not over \$3,600	1.40% of taxable income
12	Over \$3,600 but	\$50.00 plus 3.20% of
13	not over \$7,200	excess over \$3,600
14	Over \$7,200 but	\$166.00 plus 5.50% of
15	not over \$14,400	excess over \$7,200
16	Over \$14,400 but	\$562.00 plus 6.40% of
17	not over \$21,600	excess over \$14,400
18	Over \$21,600 but	\$1,022.00 plus 6.80% of
19	not over \$28,800	excess over \$21,600
20	Over \$28,800 but	\$1,512.00 plus 7.20% of
21	not over \$36,000	excess over \$28,800



1	Over \$36,000 but	\$2,030.00 plus 7.60% of
2	not over \$54,000	excess over \$36,000
3	Over \$54,000 but	\$3,398.00 plus 7.90% of
4	not over \$72,000	excess over \$54,000
5	Over \$72,000 but	\$4,820.00 plus 8.25% of
6	not over \$225,000	excess over \$72,000
7	Over \$225,000 but	\$17,443.00 plus 9.00% of
8	not over \$262,500	excess over \$225,000
9	Over \$262,500 but	\$20,818.00 plus 10.00% of
10	not over \$300,000	excess over \$262,500
11	Over \$300,000	\$24,568.00 plus 11.00% of
12		excess over \$300,000.

13 In the case of any taxable year beginning after  
 14 December 31, 2021:

15	<u>If the taxable income is:</u>	<u>The tax shall be:</u>
16	<u>Not over \$300,000</u>	<u>6.00% of taxable income</u>
17	<u>Over \$300,000</u>	<u>8.00% of taxable income.</u>

18 In the case of any taxable year beginning after  
 19 December 31, 2024:

20	<u>If the taxable income is:</u>	<u>The tax shall be:</u>
21	<u>Not over \$300,000</u>	<u>3.90% of taxable income</u>





1	Over \$2,000 but	\$28.00 plus 3.20% of
2	not over \$4,000	excess over \$2,000
3	Over \$4,000 but	\$92.00 plus 5.50% of
4	not over \$8,000	excess over \$4,000
5	Over \$8,000 but	\$312.00 plus 6.40% of
6	not over \$12,000	excess over \$8,000
7	Over \$12,000 but	\$568.00 plus 6.80% of
8	not over \$16,000	excess over \$12,000
9	Over \$16,000 but	\$840.00 plus 7.20% of
10	not over \$20,000	excess over \$16,000
11	Over \$20,000 but	\$1,128.00 plus 7.60% of
12	not over \$30,000	excess over \$20,000
13	Over \$30,000 but	\$1,888.00 plus 7.90% of
14	not over \$40,000	excess over \$30,000
15	Over \$40,000	\$2,678.00 plus 8.25% of
16		excess over \$40,000.

17 In the case of any taxable year beginning after

18 December 31, 2006:

19	If the taxable income is:	The tax shall be:
20	Not over \$2,400	1.40% of taxable income
21	Over \$2,400 but	\$34.00 plus 3.20% of



1	not over \$4,800	excess over \$2,400
2	Over \$4,800 but	\$110.00 plus 5.50% of
3	not over \$9,600	excess over \$4,800
4	Over \$9,600 but	\$374.00 plus 6.40% of
5	not over \$14,400	excess over \$9,600
6	Over \$14,400 but	\$682.00 plus 6.80% of
7	not over \$19,200	excess over \$14,400
8	Over \$19,200 but	\$1,008.00 plus 7.20% of
9	not over \$24,000	excess over \$19,200
10	Over \$24,000 but	\$1,354.00 plus 7.60% of
11	not over \$36,000	excess over \$24,000
12	Over \$36,000 but	\$2,266.00 plus 7.90% of
13	not over \$48,000	excess over \$36,000
14	Over \$48,000	\$3,214.00 plus 8.25% of
15		excess over \$48,000.

16 In the case of any taxable year beginning after

17 December 31, 2017:

18	If the taxable income is:	The tax shall be:
19	Not over \$2,400	1.40% of taxable income
20	Over \$2,400 but	\$34.00 plus 3.20% of
21	not over \$4,800	excess over \$2,400



1	Over \$4,800 but	\$110.00 plus 5.50% of
2	not over \$9,600	excess over \$4,800
3	Over \$9,600 but	\$374.00 plus 6.40% of
4	not over \$14,400	excess over \$9,600
5	Over \$14,400 but	\$682.00 plus 6.80% of
6	not over \$19,200	excess over \$14,400
7	Over \$19,200 but	\$1,008.00 plus 7.20% of
8	not over \$24,000	excess over \$19,200
9	Over \$24,000 but	\$1,354.00 plus 7.60% of
10	not over \$36,000	excess over \$24,000
11	Over \$36,000 but	\$2,266.00 plus 7.90% of
12	not over \$48,000	excess over \$36,000
13	Over \$48,000 but	\$3,214.00 plus 8.25% of
14	not over \$150,000	excess over \$48,000
15	Over \$150,000 but	\$11,629.00 plus 9.00% of
16	not over \$175,000	excess over \$150,000
17	Over \$175,000 but	\$13,879.00 plus 10.00% of
18	not over \$200,000	excess over \$175,000
19	Over \$200,000	\$16,379.00 plus 11.00% of
20		excess over \$200,000.



1 In the case of any taxable year beginning after

2 December 31, 2021:

3	<u>If the taxable income is:</u>	<u>The tax shall be:</u>
4	<u>Not over \$300,000</u>	<u>6.00% of taxable income</u>
5	<u>Over \$300,000</u>	<u>8.00% of taxable income.</u>

6 In the case of any taxable year beginning after

7 December 31, 2024:

8	<u>If the taxable income is:</u>	<u>The tax shall be:</u>
9	<u>Not over \$300,000</u>	<u>3.90% of taxable income</u>
10	<u>Over \$300,000</u>	<u>6.00% of taxable income.</u>

11 In the case of any taxable year beginning after

12 December 31, 2027:

13	<u>If the taxable income is:</u>	<u>The tax shall be:</u>
14	<u>Not over \$300,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>
15	<u>Over \$300,000</u>	<u>4.50% of taxable income.</u>

16 In the case of any taxable year beginning after

17 December 31, 2030:

18	<u>If the taxable income is:</u>	<u>The tax shall be:</u>
19	<u>Not over \$300,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>
20	<u>Over \$300,000</u>	<u>\$0."</u>



1 SECTION 10. Section 235-71, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsections (a) and (b) to read as follows:

3 "(a) A tax at the rates herein provided shall be assessed,  
4 levied, collected, and paid for each taxable year on the taxable  
5 income of every corporation, including a corporation carrying on  
6 business in partnership, except that in the case of a regulated  
7 investment company the tax is as provided by subsection (b) and  
8 further that in the case of a real estate investment trust as  
9 defined in section 856 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 the  
10 tax is as provided in subsection (d). "Corporation" includes  
11 any professional corporation incorporated pursuant to  
12 chapter 415A.

13 The tax on all taxable income shall be at the rate of 4.4  
14 per cent if the taxable income is not over \$25,000, 5.4 per cent  
15 if over \$25,000 but not over \$100,000, and on all over \$100,000,  
16 6.4 per cent.

17 In the case of any taxable year beginning after  
18 December 31, 2021:

19	<u>If the taxable income is:</u>	<u>The tax shall be:</u>
20	<u>Not over \$25,000</u>	<u>3.30% of taxable income</u>
21	<u>Over \$25,000 but</u>	<u>4.10% of taxable income</u>



1                    not over \$100,000

2                    Over \$100,000                    4.80% of taxable income.

3                    In the case of any taxable year beginning after

4                    December 31, 2024:

5	<u>If the taxable income is:</u>	<u>The tax shall be:</u>
6	<u>Not over \$25,000</u>	<u>2.50% of taxable income</u>
7	<u>Over \$25,000 but</u>	<u>3.10% of taxable income</u>
8	<u>not over \$100,000</u>	
9	<u>Over \$100,000</u>	<u>3.60% of taxable income.</u>

10                    In the case of any taxable year beginning after

11                    December 31, 2027:

12	<u>If the taxable income is:</u>	<u>The tax shall be:</u>
13	<u>Not over \$25,000</u>	<u>1.90% of taxable income</u>
14	<u>Over \$25,000 but</u>	<u>2.30% of taxable income</u>
15	<u>not over \$100,000</u>	
16	<u>Over \$100,000</u>	<u>2.70% of taxable income.</u>

17                    In the case of any taxable year beginning after

18                    December 31, 2030:

19	<u>If the taxable income is:</u>	<u>The tax shall be:</u>
20	<u>Not over \$25,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>
21	<u>Over \$25,000 but</u>	<u>\$0</u>



1                   not over \$100,000

2                   Over \$100,000                   \$0.

3           (b) In the case of a regulated investment company there is  
4 imposed on the taxable income, computed as provided in sections  
5 852 and 855 of the Internal Revenue Code but with the changes  
6 and adjustments made by this chapter (without prejudice to the  
7 generality of the foregoing, the deduction for dividends paid is  
8 limited to such amount of dividends as is attributable to income  
9 taxable under this chapter), a tax consisting in the sum of the  
10 following: 4.4 per cent if the taxable income is not over  
11 \$25,000, 5.4 per cent if over \$25,000 but not over \$100,000, and  
12 on all over \$100,000, 6.4 per cent.

13           In the case of any taxable year beginning after  
14 December 31, 2021:

15	<u>If the taxable income is:</u>	<u>The tax shall be:</u>
16	<u>Not over \$25,000</u>	<u>3.30% of taxable income</u>
17	<u>Over \$25,000 but</u>	<u>4.10% of taxable income</u>
18	<u>not over \$100,000</u>	
19	<u>Over \$100,000</u>	<u>4.80% of taxable income.</u>

20           In the case of any taxable year beginning after  
21 December 31, 2024:



1	<u>If the taxable income is:</u>	<u>The tax shall be:</u>
2	<u>Not over \$25,000</u>	<u>2.50% of taxable income</u>
3	<u>Over \$25,000 but</u>	<u>3.10% of taxable income</u>
4	<u>not over \$100,000</u>	
5	<u>Over \$100,000</u>	<u>3.60% of taxable income.</u>

6 In the case of any taxable year beginning after  
7 December 31, 2027:

8	<u>If the taxable income is:</u>	<u>The tax shall be:</u>
9	<u>Not over \$25,000</u>	<u>1.90% of taxable income</u>
10	<u>Over \$25,000 but</u>	<u>2.30% of taxable income</u>
11	<u>not over \$100,000</u>	
12	<u>Over \$100,000</u>	<u>2.70% of taxable income.</u>

13 In the case of any taxable year beginning after  
14 December 31, 2030:

15	<u>If the taxable income is:</u>	<u>The tax shall be:</u>
16	<u>Not over \$25,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>
17	<u>Over \$25,000 but</u>	<u>\$0</u>
18	<u>not over \$100,000</u>	
19	<u>Over \$100,000 but</u>	<u>\$0."</u>



1 PART V

2 SECTION 11. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
3 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

4 SECTION 12. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050,  
5 and shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31,  
6 2021.



**Report Title:**

County Surcharge; Real Property Tax; Transient Accommodations Tax; Individual Income Tax; Corporation Income Tax; Income Tax Rates

**Description:**

Authorizes each county to levy a county surcharge on transient accommodations tax if the county satisfies certain real property tax requirements. Repeals the allocation of transient accommodations tax revenue to the counties and makes conforming amendments. Establishes a residential property owner tax credit and a residential circuit breaker tax credit. Beginning with taxable years after 12/31/2021, gradually implements new individual income tax and corporation income tax brackets and rates in three-year intervals. Effective 7/1/2050. (HD1)

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