THE SENATE THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 2023 STATE OF HAWAII

S.C.R. NO. 125

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION CREATE A SIMPLIFIED N-11 FORM FOR USE BY INDIVIDUALS WITHOUT TAXABLE INCOME THAT IS SUBJECT TO STATE INCOME TAX.

WHEREAS, this body finds that there are state tax credits 1 and rebates that are unclaimed by individuals who are not 2 required to file state taxes; and 3 4 WHEREAS, certain individuals reliant upon social security 5 or public assistance to live happen to represent the population 6 who would most benefit from tax credits and rebates for which 7 they gualify, including the refundable food/excise tax credit; 8 and 9 10 WHEREAS, filing solely for the purpose of claiming these 11 credits and rebates can be difficult for this population, and 12 they are likely to lack the resources to file a tax form online; 13 14 and 15 WHEREAS, existing tax forms include many questions that do 16 not apply to individuals without taxable income and only serve 17 18 to cause these individuals confusion and anxiety; and 19 20 WHEREAS, this body appreciates the nonprofit corporations 21 that help people prepare and file their taxes; however, their reach is limited because they rely on volunteers and do not go 22 to private residences; and 23 24 25 WHEREAS, obtaining assistance from nonprofit corporations and volunteers may require lengthy questionnaires to be 26 completed and copies of documentation that can be challenging 27 for these individuals to find and that are not required of 28 29 online filers; now, therefore, 30

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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second 2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023, the House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of 3 Taxation is requested to create a simplified N-11 form for use 4 5 by individuals without taxable income that is subject to state income tax; and 6 7 8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body requests the form be 9 as short as possible, asking only for information needed from this population, be paper only, and be available for use for 10 taxable years beginning after December 31, 2022; and 11 12 13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and 14 Director of Taxation. 15 16 17

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