A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO A WEALTH ASSET TAX.

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

1 SECTION 1. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by 2 adding a new chapter to be appropriately designated and to read as follows: 3 4 "CHAPTER 5 WEALTH ASSET TAX -1 Definitions. As used in this chapter: 6 "Department" means the department of taxation. 7 "Director" means the director of taxation. 8 9 "Taxpayer" means a person subject to a tax imposed by this 10 chapter, including individuals, estates, and trusts. 11 -2 Imposition of tax. There is hereby imposed and 12 shall be levied, collected, and paid, a tax on the activity of 13 sustaining excessive accumulations of wealth by every qualified 14 taxpayer. -3 Basis and rate; wealth asset tax. (a) 15 The tax 16 imposed by section -2 shall be one per cent of the state net

worth in excess of \$20,000,000 for each individual taxpayer who

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- 1 holds more than \$20,000,000 in assets in the State; provided
- 2 that the individual taxpayer's net worth shall be based on the
- 3 individual's assets, not joint assets, and a married individual
- 4 shall file a separate return; provided further that if the
- 5 taxpayer pays a wealth asset tax on the same asset in a
- 6 different state, the amount paid to the other state shall be
- 7 subtracted from the state tax liability.
- 8 (b) A taxpayer's state net worth shall be determined
- 9 pursuant to rules adopted by the department; provided that a
- 10 taxpayer's state net worth shall include but not be limited to
- 11 the aggregate value of assets in the following categories:
- 12 (1) Real Property;
- 13 (2) Stock in any publicly and privately traded
- 14 C-corporation;
- 15 (3) Stock in any S-corporation;
- 16 (4) Interests in any partnership;
- 17 (5) Interests in any private equity or hedge fund;
- 18 (6) Interests in any other noncorporate business;
- 19 (7) Bonds and interest-bearing savings accounts;
- 20 (8) Cash and deposits;
- 21 (9) Farm assets;

- (10) Interest in mutual funds or index funds;
 (11) Put and call options on securities;
- 3 (12) Futures contracts;
- 4 (13) Art and collectables;
- 5 (14) Financial assets held offshore;
- 6 (15) Pension funds;
- 7 (16) Debts owed to the taxpayer; and
- **8** (17) Other assets.
- 9 § -4 Reporting and payment. (a) Assets used to
- 10 determine state net worth pursuant to section -3(b) shall be
- 11 reported in a form and manner specified by the director.
- 12 (b) The tax imposed by this chapter shall be reported
- 13 with, and payable at the same time as, taxes imposed pursuant to
- 14 chapter 235.
- 15 § -5 Assets belonging to dependents. For the purpose of
- 16 determining state net worth and tax liability under this
- 17 chapter, any assets belonging to a person who can be claimed as
- 18 a dependent that are in excess of \$50,000 shall be deemed to be
- 19 assets of the taxpayer who can claim the person as a dependent.
- 20 § -6 Valuation of assets. Valuation or appraisal of
- 21 assets reported pursuant to section -3(b) shall be done in a

- 1 manner specified by the director in accordance with rules
- 2 adopted by the department.
- 3 § -7 Forms. The director shall prescribe forms to be
- 4 used in filing return and reports required by this chapter.
- 5 § -8 Rules. The department shall adopt rules in
- 6 accordance with chapter 91 to implement this chapter."
- 7 SECTION 2. The department of taxation shall submit
- 8 proposed legislation suggesting the types of debts to be
- 9 considered in determining net worth, methods to be used for
- 10 valuation of assets, time periods for which valuation of assets
- 11 shall occur, methods for allocation and apportionment,
- 12 withholding requirements, reporting requirements, limitation
- 13 periods, and audit and assessment provisions to the legislature
- 14 no later than forty days prior to the convening of the regular
- 15 session of 2024.
- 16 SECTION 3. Every provision in this Act and every
- 17 application of each provision in this Act is severable from each
- 18 other. If any application of any provision in this Act to any
- 19 person or group of persons or circumstances is determined by any
- 20 court to be invalid, the remainder of this Act and the
- 21 application of the Act's provisions to all other persons and

- 1 circumstances shall not be affected. All constitutionally valid
- 2 applications of this Act shall be severed from any applications
- 3 that a court determines to be invalid or unenforceable, leaving
- 4 the valid applications in force, because it is the legislature's
- 5 intent that all valid applications shall remain in force.
- 6 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on March 22, 2075:
- 7 provided that this Act shall apply to taxable years beginning
- 8 after December 31, 2025.

Report Title:

Wealth Asset Tax; Wealth Tax; Department of Taxation; State Net Worth

Description:

Establishes a wealth asset tax of one percent of the state net worth of each individual taxpayer who holds \$20,000,000 or more in assets in the State. Takes effect 03/22/75. (SD1)

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