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GOV. MSG. NO. 1218

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

June 8, 2026

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

The Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker, and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Aloha President Kouchi, Speaker Nakamura, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 8, 2026, the following bill was signed into law:

S.B. NO. 2881, S.D. 1, H.D. 1,  
C.D. 1

RELATING TO STATE INCOME TAX.  
**ACT 118**

Mahalo,

Josh Green, M.D.  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

Approved by the Governor

on JUN 8 2026

THE SENATE  
THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, 2026  
STATE OF HAWAII

**ACT 118**  
**S.B. NO.** 2881  
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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO STATE INCOME TAX.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that existing law does  
2 not address the withholding of state income tax from  
3 distributions subject to reporting on Internal Revenue Service  
4 Form 1099-R. The lack of clear withholding guidelines in  
5 statute limits the department of taxation's ability to collect  
6 state income taxes efficiently and may result in taxpayers owing  
7 large sums at the end of the year, creating unnecessary  
8 compliance burdens.

9           The legislature further finds that allowing voluntary  
10 withholding of taxable distributions subject to reporting on  
11 Internal Revenue Service Form 1099-R, including individual  
12 retirement arrangements and tax-deferred annuities, would  
13 improve tax administration, reduce taxpayer risk of  
14 underpayment, and enhance the State's ability to collect revenue  
15 in a timely and predictable manner.

16           Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to provide for  
17 voluntary withholding of state income tax from taxable income



1 subject to reporting as a distribution on Internal Revenue  
2 Service Form 1099-R.

3 SECTION 2. Chapter 235, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
4 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
5 and to read as follows:

6 "§235- Voluntary withholding of tax for distributions  
7 reported on Form 1099-R. (a) A taxpayer may elect to have any  
8 taxable income received by the taxpayer that is subject to  
9 reporting as a distribution on Internal Revenue Service Form  
10 1099-R be subject to withholding under this chapter at an  
11 applicable rate pursuant to this chapter. An entity making a  
12 distribution, upon receiving written notice from a taxpayer of  
13 an election under this section, shall deduct and withhold the  
14 amount designated by the taxpayer and remit the amount withheld  
15 to the department of taxation in the form and manner prescribed  
16 by the department; provided that this section shall not apply to  
17 an entity if the distributions are not subject to tax under this  
18 chapter.

19 (b) Income upon which any tax has been withheld at the  
20 source pursuant to this section shall be included in the return  
21 of the recipient of the income, but any amount of tax withheld



1 shall be credited against the amount of income tax as computed  
2 in the return, and if in excess of the tax due for the taxable  
3 year shall be refunded as provided in section 235-110.

4 (c) The director of taxation shall adopt rules pursuant to  
5 chapter 91 necessary to implement this section, including the  
6 procedure for a taxpayer to elect withholding pursuant to  
7 subsection (a), and prescribe all necessary forms."

8 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

9 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;  
10 provided that section 2 shall apply to taxable years beginning  
11 after December 31, 2026.



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APPROVED this 8th day of June , 2026

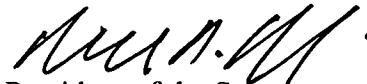



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

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

Date: May 6, 2026  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2026.

  
President of the Senate

  
Clerk of the Senate

SB No. 2881, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 6, 2026  
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2026.



Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker  
House of Representatives



Brian L. Takeshita  
Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives