
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLD RENTERS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 235-55.7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

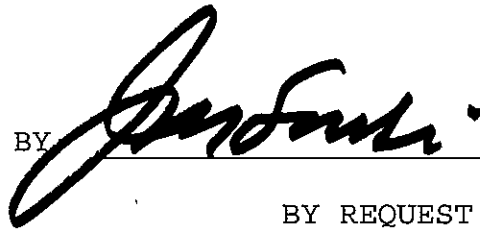
3 "(c) Each taxpayer with an adjusted gross income of less
4 than \$30,000 who has paid more than \$1,000 in rent during the
5 taxable year for which the credit is claimed may claim a tax
6 credit of \$50 multiplied by the number of qualified exemptions
7 to which the taxpayer is entitled; provided each taxpayer sixty-
8 five years of age or over may claim double the tax credit;
9 provided that for taxable years beginning after December 31,
10 2014, each taxpayer sixty-five years of age or over may claim
11 triple the tax credit; and provided that a resident individual
12 who has no income or no income taxable under this chapter may
13 also claim the tax credit as set forth in this section."

14 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
15 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval
2 and shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31,
3 2014.

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Report Title:

Taxation; Low-income Household Renters Credit

Description:

Triples the low-income household renters credit for each taxpayer who is sixty-five years of age or older.

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JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Office of the Governor

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INCOME TAX
CREDIT FOR LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLD RENTERS.

PURPOSE: To provide Hawaii's elderly (each taxpayer
who is sixty-five years of age or older)
triple the low-income household renters tax
credit amount.

MEANS: Amend sections 235-55.7, Hawaii Revised
Statutes (HRS).

JUSTIFICATION: Many of Hawaii's kupuna are struggling to
keep up and make ends meet. Providing
triple the low-income household renters tax
credit amount to the elderly will provide
tax relief to those who need it the most.

Impact on the public: The Department of
Taxation estimates that about 4,600 elderly
will benefit from this proposal.

Impact on the department and other agencies:
Change in tax forms and instructions.

GENERAL FUND: Estimated revenue loss of \$230,000 per year.

OTHER FUNDS: None.

PPBS PROGRAM
DESIGNATION: None.

OTHER AFFECTED
AGENCIES: Department of Taxation.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon approval.