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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TAXATION.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that there is inequity in  
2 the taxation of retirement income and many seniors in Hawaii are  
3 struggling to make ends meet.

4           The purpose of this Act is to address this issue by  
5 excluding income received from deferred compensation retirement  
6 plans from the state income tax for taxpayers who meet certain  
7 income requirements.

8           SECTION 2. Section 235-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
9 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

10          "(a) There shall be excluded from gross income, adjusted  
11 gross income, and taxable income:

12           (1) Income not subject to taxation by the State under the  
13 Constitution and laws of the United States;

14           (2) Rights, benefits, and other income exempted from  
15 taxation by section 88-91, having to do with the state  
16 retirement system, and the rights, benefits, and other  
17 income, comparable to the rights, benefits, and other



- 1 income exempted by section 88-91, under any other  
2 public retirement system;
- 3 (3) Any compensation received in the form of a pension for  
4 past services;
- 5 (4) Compensation paid to a patient affected with Hansen's  
6 disease employed by the State or the United States in  
7 any hospital, settlement, or place for the treatment  
8 of Hansen's disease;
- 9 (5) Except as otherwise expressly provided, payments made  
10 by the United States or this State, under an act of  
11 Congress or a law of this State, which by express  
12 provision or administrative regulation or  
13 interpretation are exempt from both the normal and  
14 surtaxes of the United States, even though not so  
15 exempted by the Internal Revenue Code itself;
- 16 (6) Any income expressly exempted or excluded from the  
17 measure of the tax imposed by this chapter by any  
18 other law of the State, it being the intent of this  
19 chapter not to repeal or supersede any express  
20 exemption or exclusion;
- 21 (7) Income received by each member of the reserve  
22 components of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps,



1 or Coast Guard of the United States of America, and  
2 the Hawaii National Guard as compensation for  
3 performance of duty, equivalent to pay received for  
4 forty-eight drills (equivalent of twelve weekends) and  
5 fifteen days of annual duty, at an:

6 (A) E-1 pay grade after eight years of service;  
7 provided that this subparagraph shall apply to  
8 taxable years beginning after December 31, 2004;

9 (B) E-2 pay grade after eight years of service;  
10 provided that this subparagraph shall apply to  
11 taxable years beginning after December 31, 2005;

12 (C) E-3 pay grade after eight years of service;  
13 provided that this subparagraph shall apply to  
14 taxable years beginning after December 31, 2006;

15 (D) E-4 pay grade after eight years of service;  
16 provided that this subparagraph shall apply to  
17 taxable years beginning after December 31, 2007;

18 and

19 (E) E-5 pay grade after eight years of service;  
20 provided that this subparagraph shall apply to  
21 taxable years beginning after December 31, 2008;



- 1 (8) Income derived from the operation of ships or aircraft  
2 if the income is exempt under the Internal Revenue  
3 Code pursuant to the provisions of an income tax  
4 treaty or agreement entered into by and between the  
5 United States and a foreign country; provided that the  
6 tax laws of the local governments of that country  
7 reciprocally exempt from the application of all of  
8 their net income taxes, the income derived from the  
9 operation of ships or aircraft that are documented or  
10 registered under the laws of the United States;
- 11 (9) The value of legal services provided by a legal  
12 service plan to a taxpayer, the taxpayer's spouse, and  
13 the taxpayer's dependents;
- 14 (10) Amounts paid, directly or indirectly, by a legal  
15 service plan to a taxpayer as payment or reimbursement  
16 for the provision of legal services to the taxpayer,  
17 the taxpayer's spouse, and the taxpayer's dependents;
- 18 (11) Contributions by an employer to a legal service plan  
19 for compensation (through insurance or otherwise) to  
20 the employer's employees for the costs of legal  
21 services incurred by the employer's employees, their  
22 spouses, and their dependents;



1           (12) Amounts received in the form of a monthly surcharge by  
 2           a utility acting on behalf of an affected utility  
 3           under section 269-16.3; provided that amounts retained  
 4           by the acting utility for collection or other costs  
 5           shall not be included in this exemption;

6           (13) Amounts received in the form of a cable surcharge by  
 7           an electric utility company acting on behalf of a  
 8           certified cable company under section 269-134;  
 9           provided that any amounts retained by that electric  
 10          utility company for collection or other costs shall  
 11          not be included in this exemption; [~~and~~]

12          (14) One hundred per cent of the gain realized by a fee  
 13          simple owner from the sale of a leased fee interest in  
 14          units within a condominium project, cooperative  
 15          project, or planned unit development to the  
 16          association of owners under chapter 514A or 514B, or  
 17          the residential cooperative corporation of the  
 18          leasehold units.

19          For purposes of this paragraph:

20                 "Fee simple owner" shall have the same meaning as  
 21          provided under section 516-1; provided that it shall  
 22          include legal and equitable owners;

1 "Legal and equitable owner", and "leased fee  
2 interest" shall have the same meanings as provided  
3 under section 516-1; and

4 "Condominium project" and "cooperative project"  
5 shall have the same meanings as provided under section  
6 514C-1~~[.]~~; and

7 (15) Compensation received from deferred compensation  
8 retirement plans, including individual retirement  
9 accounts, and those established under section 401(k)  
10 or 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code, or any other  
11 retirement plan that defers compensation; provided  
12 that this paragraph shall apply only to individuals  
13 whose federal adjusted gross income is less than:

14 (A) \$30,000 for a taxpayer filing a single return or  
15 a married person filing separately;

16 (B) \$45,000 for a taxpayer filing as a head of  
17 household; and

18 (C) \$60,000 for a taxpayer filing a joint return or  
19 as a surviving spouse."

20 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
21 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.



1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2030, and  
2 shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2013;  
3 provided that the amendments made to section 235-7(a), Hawaii  
4 Revised Statutes, by section 2 of this Act shall not be repealed  
5 when that section is reenacted on January 1, 2018, pursuant to  
6 section 3 of Act 166, Session Laws of Hawaii 2007, as amended by  
7 section 5 of Act 220, Session Laws of Hawaii 2012.



**Report Title:**

Deferred Compensation Retirement Plans; Income Tax Exclusion

**Description:**

Excludes income received from deferred compensation retirement plans from the state income tax for taxpayers who meet certain income requirements. Effective 07/01/2030. (HD1)

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