### A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO REPEAL OF THE CORPORATE INCOME TAX.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the state corporate
- 2 income tax structure burdens the growth, development, and
- 3 expansion of industry. Hawaii ranks thirty-first among the
- 4 states for business tax climate according to the Tax Foundation,
- 5 and last or nearly last among the states for business according
- 6 to CNBC and ALEC.
- 7 According to the department of business, economic
- 8 development and tourism's State of Hawaii Data Book 2014, the
- 9 number of Hawaii corporations on record continues to fall, from
- 10 32,508 in 2011 to 30,564 in 2014.
- 11 The council on revenues reported in September 2013 that the
- 12 corporate income tax contributes an estimated \$80,000,000
- 13 annually to the general fund. The impact of repealing the
- 14 corporate income tax will be offset by the creation of new jobs.
- 15 increased manufacturing and increased consumer spending. Local
- 16 businesses pay taxes on nearly all business related transactions
- 17 including purchases, sales, payroll, and real estate taxes,

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- 1 therefore relief from corporate tax liability will be
- significant. Relief will pass down to consumers, lowering the 2
- 3 costs of goods, services and ultimately the cost of living.
- 4 The purpose of this act is to repeal the corporate income
- 5 tax.
- 6 SECTION 2. Chapter 235, part IV, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
- 7 is repealed.
- 8 SECTION 3. Chapter 235, part VII, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
- 9 is repealed.
- 10 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed SECTION 4.
- 11 and stricken.
- 12 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.

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### Description:

A bill to encourage economic growth by repealing the corporate income tax.

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