
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TAXATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 235-2.4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "§235-2.4 Operation of certain Internal Revenue Code
4 provisions; sections 63 to 530. (a) Section 63 (with respect
5 to taxable income defined) of the Internal Revenue Code shall be
6 operative for the purposes of this chapter, subject to the
7 following:

8 (1) Section 63(c)(1)(B) (relating to the additional
9 standard deduction), 63(c)(1)(C) (relating to the real
10 property tax deduction), 63(c)(1)(D) (relating to the
11 disaster loss deduction), 63(c)(1)(E) (relating to the
12 motor vehicle sales tax deduction), 63(c)(4) (relating
13 to inflation adjustments), 63(c)(7) (defining the real
14 property tax deduction), 63(c)(8) (defining the
15 disaster loss deduction), 63(c)(9) (defining the motor
16 vehicle sales tax deduction), and 63(f) (relating to
17 additional amounts for the aged or blind) of the



1 Internal Revenue Code shall not be operative for
2 purposes of this chapter;

3 (2) Section 63(c)(2) (relating to the basic standard
4 deduction) of the Internal Revenue Code shall be
5 operative, except that the standard deduction amounts
6 provided therein shall instead mean:

7 (A) \$4,400 in the case of:

8 (i) A joint return as provided by section 235-
9 93; or

10 (ii) A surviving spouse (as defined in section
11 2(a) of the Internal Revenue Code);

12 (B) \$3,212 in the case of a head of household (as
13 defined in section 2(b) of the Internal Revenue
14 Code);

15 (C) \$2,200 in the case of an individual who is not
16 married and who is not a surviving spouse or head
17 of household; or

18 (D) \$2,200 in the case of a married individual filing
19 a separate return;

20 (3) Section 63(c)(5) (limiting the basic standard
21 deduction in the case of certain dependents) of the



1 Internal Revenue Code shall be operative, except that
2 the limitation shall be the greater of \$500 or the
3 individual's earned income; and

4 (4) The standard deduction amount for nonresidents shall
5 be calculated pursuant to section 235-5.

6 (b) Section 68 (with respect to the overall limitation on
7 itemized deductions) of the Internal Revenue Code shall be
8 operative; provided that the thresholds shall be those that were
9 operative for federal tax year 2009.

10 (c) Section 72 (with respect to annuities; certain
11 proceeds of endowment and life insurance contracts) of the
12 Internal Revenue Code shall be operative for purposes of this
13 chapter and be interpreted with due regard to section 235-7(a),
14 except that the ten per cent additional tax on early
15 distributions from retirement plans in section 72(t) shall not
16 be operative for purposes of this chapter.

17 (d) Section 85 (with respect to unemployment compensation)
18 of the Internal Revenue Code shall be operative for purposes of
19 this chapter, except that section 85(c) shall not be operative
20 for purposes of this chapter.



1 (e) Section 108 (with respect to income from discharge of
2 indebtedness) of the Internal Revenue Code shall be operative
3 for purposes of this chapter, except that section 108(i)
4 (relating to deferral and ratable inclusion of income arising
5 from business indebtedness discharged by the reacquisition of a
6 debt instrument) shall not be operative for purposes of this
7 chapter.

8 (f) Section 121 (with respect to exclusion of gain from
9 sale of principal residence) of the Internal Revenue Code shall
10 be operative for purposes of this chapter, except that for the
11 election under section 121(f), a reference to section 1034
12 treatment means a reference to section 235-2.4(s) in effect for
13 taxable year 1997.

14 (g) Section 132 (with respect to certain fringe benefits)
15 of the Internal Revenue Code shall be operative for purposes of
16 this chapter, except that the provision in section 132(f)(2)
17 that equalizes the dollar amounts for sections 132(f)(2)(A) and
18 (B) shall not be operative and except that section 132(n) shall
19 not apply to United States Department of Defense Homeowners
20 Assistance Program payments authorized by the American Recovery
21 and Reinvestment Act of 2009.



1 (h) Section 163 (with respect to interest) of the Internal
2 Revenue Code shall be operative for the purposes of this
3 chapter, except that provisions in section 163(d)(4)(B)
4 (defining net investment income to exclude dividends), section
5 163(e)(5)(F) (suspension of applicable high-yield discount
6 obligation (AHYDO) rules) and section 163(i)(1) as it applies to
7 debt instruments issued after January 1, 2010, (defining AHYDO)
8 shall not be operative for the purposes of this chapter.

9 (i) Section 164 (with respect to taxes) of the Internal
10 Revenue Code shall be operative for the purposes of this
11 chapter, except that:

12 (1) Section 164(a)(6) and (b)(6) shall not be operative
13 for the purposes of this chapter;

14 (2) The deductions under section 164(a)(3) and (b)(5)
15 shall not be operative for corporate taxpayers and
16 shall be operative only for the following individual
17 taxpayers:

18 (A) A taxpayer filing a single return or a married
19 person filing separately with a federal adjusted
20 gross income of less than \$100,000;



1 (B) A taxpayer filing as a head of household with a
2 federal adjusted gross income of less than
3 \$150,000; and

4 (C) A taxpayer filing a joint return or as a
5 surviving spouse with a federal adjusted gross
6 income of less than \$200,000; and

7 (3) Section 164(a)(3) shall not be operative for any
8 amounts for which the credit under section 235-55 has
9 been claimed.

10 (j) Section 165 (with respect to losses) of the Internal
11 Revenue Code shall be operative for purposes of this chapter,
12 except that the amount prescribed by sections 165(h)(1)
13 (relating to the limitation per casualty) of the Internal
14 Revenue Code shall be a \$100 limitation per casualty, and
15 section 165(h)(3)(A) and (B) (both of which relate to special
16 rules for personal casualty gains and losses in federally
17 declared disasters) of the Internal Revenue Code shall not be
18 operative for the purposes of this chapter. Section 165 as
19 operative for this chapter shall also apply to losses sustained
20 from the sale of stocks or other interests issued through the



1 exercise of the stock options or warrants granted by a qualified
2 high technology business as defined in section 235-7.3.

3 (k) Section 168 (with respect to the accelerated cost
4 recovery system) of the Internal Revenue Code shall be operative
5 for purposes of this chapter, except that sections 168(j)
6 (relating to property on Indian reservations), 168(k) (relating
7 to the special allowance for certain property acquired during
8 the period specified therein), 168(m) (relating to the special
9 allowance for certain reuse and recycling property), and 168(n)
10 (relating to the special allowance for qualified disaster
11 assistance property) of the Internal Revenue Code shall not be
12 operative for purposes of this chapter.

13 (l) Section 172 (with respect to net operating loss
14 deductions) of the Internal Revenue Code shall be operative for
15 purposes of this chapter, as further provided in section 235-
16 7(d), except that section 172(b)(1)(J) and (j) (both of which
17 relate to qualified disaster losses) of the Internal Revenue
18 Code shall not be operative for purposes of this chapter.

19 ~~[(m) Section 179 (with respect to the election to expense~~
20 ~~certain depreciable business assets) of the Internal Revenue~~



1 ~~Code shall be operative for purposes of this chapter, except as~~
2 ~~provided in this subsection.~~

3 ~~(1) The aggregate cost provided in section 179(b)(1) which~~
4 ~~may be taken into account under section 179(a) for any~~
5 ~~taxable year shall not exceed \$25,000;~~

6 ~~(2) The amount at which the reduction in limitation~~
7 ~~provided in section 179(b)(2) begins shall exceed~~
8 ~~\$200,000 for any taxable year; and~~

9 ~~(3) The following shall not be operative for purposes of~~
10 ~~this chapter:~~

11 ~~(A) Defining section 179 property to include computer~~
12 ~~software in section 179(d)(1);~~

13 ~~(B) Inflation adjustments in section 179(b)(5);~~

14 ~~(C) Irrevocable election in section 179(e)(2); and~~

15 ~~(D) Special rules for qualified disaster assistance~~
16 ~~property in section 179(e).~~

17 ~~(n)]~~ (m) Section 198A (with respect to the expensing of
18 qualified disaster assistances expenses) of the Internal Revenue
19 Code shall not be operative for purposes of this chapter.

20 ~~[(e)]~~ (n) Section 219 (with respect to retirement savings)
21 of the Internal Revenue Code shall be operative for the purpose



1 of this chapter. For the purpose of computing the limitation on
2 the deduction for active participants in certain pension plans
3 for state income tax purposes, adjusted gross income as used in
4 section 219 as operative for this chapter means federal adjusted
5 gross income.

6 ~~[(p)]~~ (o) Section 220 (with respect to medical savings
7 accounts) of the Internal Revenue Code shall be operative for
8 the purpose of this chapter, but only with respect to medical
9 services accounts that have been approved by the Secretary of
10 the Treasury of the United States.

11 ~~[(q)]~~ (p) Section 265 (with respect to expenses and
12 interest relating to tax-exempt income) of the Internal Revenue
13 Code shall be operative for purposes of this chapter; except
14 that section 265(b)(3)(G) and (7) shall not be operative and
15 section 265 shall not apply to expenses for royalties and other
16 income derived from any patents, copyrights, and trade secrets
17 by an individual or a qualified high technology business as
18 defined in section 235-7.3. Such expenses shall be deductible.

19 ~~[(r)]~~ (q) Section 382 (with respect to limitation on net
20 operating loss carryforwards and certain built-in losses
21 following ownership change) of the Internal Revenue Code shall



1 be operative for the purposes of this chapter, except that
2 section 382(n) shall not be operative for purposes of this
3 chapter.

4 ~~[(s)]~~ (r) Section 408A (with respect to Roth Individual
5 Retirement Accounts) of the Internal Revenue Code shall be
6 operative for the purposes of this chapter, except that section
7 408A(d)(3)(A)(iii) shall not be operative for purposes of this
8 chapter. For the purposes of determining the aggregate amount
9 of contributions to a Roth Individual Retirement Account or
10 qualified rollover contribution to a Roth Individual Retirement
11 Account from an individual retirement plan other than a Roth
12 Individual Retirement Account, adjusted gross income as used in
13 section 408A as operative for this chapter means federal
14 adjusted gross income.

15 ~~[(t)]~~ (s) In administering the provisions of sections 410
16 to 417 (with respect to special rules relating to pensions,
17 profit sharing, stock bonus plans, etc.), sections 418 to 418E
18 (with respect to special rules for multiemployer plans), and
19 sections 419 and 419A (with respect to treatment of welfare
20 benefit funds) of the Internal Revenue Code, the department of
21 taxation shall adopt rules under chapter 91 relating to the



1 specific requirements under those sections and to other
2 administrative requirements under those sections as may be
3 necessary for the efficient administration of sections 410 to
4 419A.

5 In administering sections 401 to 419A (with respect to
6 deferred compensation) of the Internal Revenue Code, Public Law
7 93-406, section 1017(i), shall be operative for the purposes of
8 this chapter.

9 In administering section 402 (with respect to the
10 taxability of beneficiary of employees' trust) of the Internal
11 Revenue Code, the tax imposed on lump sum distributions by
12 section 402(e) of the Internal Revenue Code shall be operative
13 for the purposes of this chapter and the tax imposed therein is
14 hereby imposed by this chapter at the rate determined under this
15 chapter.

16 [~~(u)~~] (t) In administering section 403 (with respect to
17 taxation of employee annuities) of the Internal Revenue Code,
18 any funds that represent pre-tax employee deferrals or
19 contributions that are distributed from the annuity and used
20 solely to obtain retirement credits under the state employees'
21 retirement system shall not be treated as a rollover for



1 purposes of section 403(b)(8)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code,
2 and those funds shall be subject to income tax under this
3 chapter.

4 ~~(v)~~ (u) Section 451 (which provides general rules for
5 taxable year of inclusion) of the Internal Revenue Code shall be
6 operative, except that the provisions of sections 451(i)(3) and
7 451(i)(6), as they relate to a qualified electric utility, shall
8 not be operative for purposes of this chapter.

9 ~~(w)~~ (v) In administering section 457 (with respect to
10 compensation plans of state and local governments and tax-exempt
11 organizations) of the Internal Revenue Code, any funds that
12 represent pre-tax employee deferrals or contributions that are
13 distributed from the deferred compensation plan and used solely
14 to obtain retirement credits under the state employees'
15 retirement system shall not be treated as a rollover for
16 purposes of section 457(e)(16)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code
17 and those funds shall be subject to income tax under this
18 chapter.

19 ~~(x)~~ (w) Section 468B (with respect to special rules for
20 designated settlement funds) of the Internal Revenue Code shall
21 be operative for the purposes of this chapter and the tax



1 imposed therein is hereby imposed by this chapter at a rate
2 equal to the maximum rate in effect for the taxable year imposed
3 on estates and trusts under section 235-51.

4 ~~[-(y)-]~~ (x) Section 469 (with respect to passive activities
5 and credits limited) of the Internal Revenue Code shall be
6 operative for the purposes of this chapter. For the purpose of
7 computing the offset for rental real estate activities for state
8 income tax purposes, adjusted gross income as used in section
9 469 as operative for this chapter means federal adjusted gross
10 income.

11 ~~[-(z)-]~~ (y) Sections 512 to 514 (with respect to taxation of
12 business income of certain exempt organizations) of the Internal
13 Revenue Code shall be operative for the purposes of this chapter
14 as provided in this subsection.

15 "Unrelated business taxable income" means the same as in
16 the Internal Revenue Code, except that in the computation
17 thereof sections 235-3 to 235-5, and 235-7 (except subsection
18 (c)), shall apply, and in the determination of the net operating
19 loss deduction there shall not be taken into account any amount
20 of income or deduction that is excluded in computing the



1 unrelated business taxable income. Unrelated business taxable
2 income shall not include any income from a legal service plan.

3 For a person described in section 401 or 501 of the
4 Internal Revenue Code, as modified by section 235-2.3, the tax
5 imposed by section 235-51 or 235-71 shall be imposed upon the
6 person's unrelated business taxable income.

7 [~~aa~~] (z) Section 521 (with respect to cooperatives) and
8 subchapter T (sections 1381 to 1388, with respect to
9 cooperatives and their patrons) of the Internal Revenue Code
10 shall be operative for the purposes of this chapter as to any
11 cooperative fully meeting the requirements of section 421-23,
12 except that Internal Revenue Code section 521 cooperatives need
13 not be organized in Hawaii.

14 [~~bb~~] (aa) Sections 527 (with respect to political
15 organizations) and 528 (with respect to certain homeowners
16 associations) of the Internal Revenue Code shall be operative
17 for the purposes of this chapter and the taxes imposed in each
18 section are hereby imposed by this chapter at the rates
19 determined under section 235-71.

20 [~~ee~~] (bb) Section 529 (with respect to qualified tuition
21 programs) shall be operative for the purposes of this chapter,



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1 except that sections 529(c)(6) and 529(e)(3)(A)(iii) shall not
2 be operative.

3 [~~dd~~] (cc) Section 530 (with respect to Coverdell
4 education savings accounts) of the Internal Revenue Code shall
5 be operative for the purposes of this chapter. For the purpose
6 of determining the maximum amount that a contributor could make
7 to an education individual retirement account for state income
8 tax purposes, modified adjusted gross income as used in section
9 530 as operative for this chapter means federal modified
10 adjusted gross income as defined in section 530."

11 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
12 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

13 SECTION 3. This Act, upon its approval, shall apply to
14 taxable years beginning after December 31, 2014.

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Report Title:

Taxation; Depreciation

Description:

Amends state income tax law to mirror federal tax law with respect to the ability to elect to expense certain depreciable business assets.

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