

JAN 29 2015

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO RESEARCH ACTIVITIES.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 235-110.91, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:
3 "(a) Section 41 (with respect to the credit for increasing
4 research activities) and section 280C(c) (with respect to
5 certain expenses for which the credit for increasing research
6 activities are allowable) of the Internal Revenue Code shall be
7 operative for the purposes of this chapter as provided in this
8 section; provided that references to the base amount in section
9 41 of the Internal Revenue Code shall not apply and credit for
10 all qualified research expenses may be taken without regard to
11 the amount of expenses for previous years; provided further that
12 the federal tax provisions in section 41 of the Internal Revenue
13 Code, as that section was enacted on December 31, 2011,
14 irrespective of any subsequent changes to section 41 of the
15 Internal Revenue Code, shall remain in effect for purposes of
16 determining the state income tax credit under this section;
17 provided further that the federal tax provisions in section 41



1 of the Internal Revenue Code, as enacted on December 31, 2011,
2 irrespective of any subsequent amendments to section 41 of the
3 Internal Revenue Code, shall apply only to expenses incurred for
4 qualified research activities after December 31, 2012."

5 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
7 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and
8 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
9 year 2016-2017 for the establishment of one full-time equivalent
10 (1.00 FTE) permanent compliance specialist position in the
11 department of taxation to assist with the certification and
12 administration requirements of the tax credit for research
13 activities under section 235-110.91, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

14 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
15 of taxation for the purposes of this Act.

16 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

17 SECTION 4. This Act, upon its approval, shall apply to
18 taxable years beginning after December 31, 2014; provided that
19 section 2 of this Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.

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Report Title:

Tax Credit; Research Activities; Appropriation

Description:

Provides that the amount of the state tax credit for research activities shall be calculated based on all qualified research expenses for the taxable year, without regard to the increase of expenses over past years. Appropriates funds for a compliance specialist position within the department of taxation to assist with administration of the tax credit.

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