
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TAXATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 235, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§235- Income tax credit for hiring an elderly
5 individual. (a) There shall be allowed to each taxpayer
6 subject to the tax imposed by this chapter, a credit for the
7 hiring of an elderly individual that shall be deductible from
8 the taxpayer's net income tax liability, if any, imposed by this
9 chapter for the taxable year in which the credit is properly
10 claimed.

11 (b) The amount of the credit shall be equal to fifty per
12 cent of the qualified wages of the elderly individual. A tax
13 credit that exceeds the taxpayer's income tax liability may be
14 used as a credit against the taxpayer's income tax liability in
15 subsequent years until exhausted; provided that in no taxable
16 year shall the total amount of the tax credit claimed under this
17 section exceed \$ per taxpayer.



1 (c) The following wages paid to an elderly individual are
2 ineligible to be claimed by the employer for this credit:

3 (1) No wages shall be taken into account under this
4 section with respect to an elderly individual who:

5 (A) Bears any of the relationships described in
6 section 152(d)(2)(A) through (G) of the Internal
7 Revenue Code to the taxpayer, or, if the taxpayer
8 is a corporation, to an individual who owns,
9 directly or indirectly, more than fifty per cent
10 in value of the outstanding stock of the
11 corporation (determined with the application of
12 section 267(c) of the Internal Revenue Code);

13 (B) If the taxpayer is an estate or trust, is a
14 grantor, beneficiary, or fiduciary of the estate
15 or trust, or is an individual who bears any of
16 the relationships described in section
17 152(d)(2)(A) through (G) of the Internal Revenue
18 Code to a grantor, beneficiary, or fiduciary of
19 the estate or trust; or

20 (C) Is a dependent (described in section 152 of the
21 Internal Revenue Code) of the taxpayer, or, if



1 the taxpayer is a corporation, of an individual
2 described in subparagraph (A), or, if the
3 taxpayer is an estate or trust, of a grantor,
4 beneficiary, or fiduciary of the estate or trust;
5 and

6 (2) No wages shall be taken into account under this
7 section with respect to any elderly individual if,
8 prior to the day the individual is hired by the
9 employer, the individual had been employed by the
10 employer at any time.

11 (d) In the case of a successor employer referred to in
12 section 3306(b)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code, the
13 determination of the amount of the tax credit allowable under
14 this section with respect to wages paid by the successor
15 employer shall be made in the same manner as if the wages were
16 paid by the predecessor employer referred to in the section.

17 (e) Claims for the tax credit under this section,
18 including any amended claims, shall be filed on or before the
19 end of the twelfth month following the taxable year for which
20 the credit may be claimed. Failure to comply with the foregoing

1 provision shall constitute a waiver of the right to claim the
2 tax credit.

3 (f) The director of taxation:

4 (1) Shall prepare any forms necessary to claim a credit
5 under this section;

6 (2) May require a taxpayer to furnish reasonable
7 information to ascertain the validity of a claim for
8 credit; and

9 (3) May adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91 to effectuate
10 the purposes of this section.

11 (g) For purposes of this section:

12 "Elderly individual" means an individual who is sixty years
13 of age or older.

14 "Qualified wages" means wages attributable to work rendered
15 by an elderly individual for the six-month period after the
16 individual is initially hired.

17 "Wages" means wages, commissions, fees, salaries, bonuses,
18 and every and all other kinds of remuneration for, or
19 compensation attributable to, services performed by an employee
20 for the employee's employer, including the cash value of all
21 remuneration paid in any medium other than cash and the cost-of-



1 living allowances and other payments included in gross income by
2 section 235-7(b), but excluding income excluded from gross
3 income by section 235-7 or other provisions of this chapter."

4 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 3. This Act shall apply to taxable years beginning
6 after December 31, 2016.

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Report Title:

Taxation; Income Tax Credit; Elderly

Description:

Provides a taxpayer who hires an elderly individual a nonrefundable tax credit for the wages attributable to work rendered by the individual for the six-month period after the individual is initially hired by the taxpayer. (SD1)

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