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## 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



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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 much  
 7 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and the  
 8 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
 9 2018-2019 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 shall take effect on July 1, 2017, and  
 18 shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2016.

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**Report Title:**

Tax Credit; Research Activities; Appropriation

**Description:**

Provides that, notwithstanding provisions of the Internal Revenue Code to the contrary, the amount of the state tax credit for research activities shall be calculated based on all qualified research expenses for the taxable year. Appropriates funds for a compliance specialist position within DOTAX to assist with administration of the tax credit.

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