## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TAXATION.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to incentivize
- 2 families to take emergency preparedness action and to allow
- 3 families that may not be able to afford an emergency
- 4 preparedness kit to acquire one.
- 5 SECTION 2. Chapter 235, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 6 amended by adding a new section to part I to be appropriately
- 7 designated and to read as follows:
- 8 "\$235- Emergency supplies income tax credit. (a)
- 9 There shall be allowed to each taxpayer subject to the tax
- 10 imposed under this chapter, an emergency supplies income tax
- 11 credit that shall be deductible from the taxpayer's net income
- 12 tax liability, if any, imposed by this chapter for the taxable
- 13 year in which the credit is properly claimed.
- 14 (b) The emergency supplies income tax credit shall be
- 15 equal to the qualified expenses of the taxpayer, up to a maximum
- 16 of \$1,000.
- (c) The director of taxation:

1	(1)	Shall prepare any forms that may be necessary to claim							
2		a tax credit under this section;							
3	(2)	May require the taxpayer to furnish reasonable							
4		information to ascertain the validity of the claim for							
5		the tax credit made under this section; and							
6	(3)	May adopt rules under chapter 91 necessary to							
7		effectuate the purposes of this section.							
8	(d)	If the tax credit under this section exceeds the							
9	taxpayer's income tax liability, the excess of the credit over								
10	liability may be used as a credit against the taxpayer's income								
11	tax liability in subsequent years until exhausted. All claims								
12	for the t	ax credit under this section, including amended claims,							
13	shall be filed on or before the end of the twelfth month								
14	following	the close of the taxable year for which the credit may							
15	be claime	ed. Failure to comply with the foregoing provision							
16	shall constitute a waiver of the right to claim the credit.								
17	<u>(e)</u>	As used in this section, "qualified expenses" means							
18	costs tha	t are directly incurred by the taxpayer to purchase and							
19	maintain	a seven-day supply of nonperishable food, water, and							
20	other necessary supplies for use by the taxpayer and the								
21	taxpayer'	s family in times of emergency or natural disaster."							

1	SECTION	3.	New	statutory	material	is	underscored.
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2 SECTION 4. This Act, upon its approval, shall apply to

3 taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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# H.B. NO. 2239

#### Report Title:

Income Tax Credit; Emergency Supplies

### Description:

Establishes an income tax credit for the purchase of household emergency preparedness supplies.

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