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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

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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) There  
9 shall be allowed to each taxpayer subject to the tax imposed  
10 under this chapter, an emergency supplies income tax credit that  
11 shall be deductible from the taxpayer's net income tax  
12 liability, if any, imposed by this chapter for the taxable year  
13 in which the credit is properly claimed. Each taxpayer may  
14 claim the income tax credit only once before January 1, 2026.

15       (b) The emergency supplies income tax credit shall be  
16 equal to           per cent of the qualified expenses of the  
17 taxpayer, up to a maximum of \$1,000.



1        (c) The director of taxation:

2        (1) Shall prepare any forms that may be necessary to claim  
3        a tax credit under this section;

4        (2) May require the taxpayer to furnish reasonable  
5        information to ascertain the validity of the claim for  
6        the tax credit made under this section; and

7        (3) May adopt rules under chapter 91 necessary to  
8        effectuate the purposes of this section.

9        (d) If the tax credit under this section exceeds the  
10       taxpayer's income tax liability, the excess of the credit over  
11       liability may be used as a credit against the taxpayer's income  
12       tax liability in subsequent years until exhausted. All claims  
13       for the tax credit under this section, including amended claims,  
14       shall be filed on or before the end of the twelfth month  
15       following the close of the taxable year for which the credit may  
16       be claimed. Failure to comply with the foregoing provision  
17       shall constitute a waiver of the right to claim the credit.

18       (e) As used in this section, "qualified expenses" means  
19       costs that are directly incurred by the taxpayer to purchase and  
20       maintain a seven-day supply of nonperishable food, water, and  
21       other necessary emergency supplies for use by the taxpayer and



1 the taxpayer's family in times of emergency or natural  
2 disaster."

3 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

4 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050, and  
5 shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2018.



**Report Title:**

Income Tax Credit; Emergency Supplies

**Description:**

Establishes an income tax credit for the purchase of household emergency preparedness supplies. (HB2239 HD1)

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