
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TEACHERS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that in a survey of
2 teachers conducted by the Hawaii state teachers association,
3 forty-seven per cent of the respondents cited annual personal
4 expenditures of \$250 to \$500 per year on classroom supplies,
5 with some claiming expenditures of over \$1,000.

6 The purpose of this Act is to establish a state income tax
7 credit for expenses paid or incurred by school teachers, special
8 education teachers, school librarians, and counselors for
9 supplementary materials used in the classroom and for travel
10 expenses incurred while accompanying students on educational
11 trips.

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

15 "§235- **Certain expenses; tax credit.** (a) There shall
16 be allowed to each qualifying taxpayer subject to the tax
17 imposed by this chapter a tax credit for certain expenses that



1 shall be deductible from the taxpayer's net income tax
2 liability, if any, imposed by this chapter for the taxable year
3 in which the credit is properly claimed.

4 (b) The amount of the tax credit shall be equal to the
5 amount expended for certain expenses in a taxable year; provided
6 that the credit shall not exceed \$500 per taxable year.

7 (c) If the tax credit under this section exceeds the
8 taxpayer's net income tax liability, the excess of credit over
9 liability may be used as a tax credit against the taxpayer's net
10 income tax liability in subsequent years until exhausted.

11 (d) All claims for a tax credit under this section,
12 including amended claims, shall be filed on or before the end of
13 the twelfth month following the close of the taxable year for
14 which the tax credit may be claimed. Failure to comply with the
15 forgoing provision shall constitute a waiver of the right to
16 claim the tax credit.

17 (e) No other tax credit or deduction shall be claimed
18 under this chapter for the certain expenses used to claim a tax
19 credit under this section for the taxable year.

20 (f) The director of taxation:



- 1 (1) Shall prepare any forms necessary to claim a tax
2 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, pursuant to chapter 91, to effectuate
7 this section.
- 8 (g) For the purposes of this section:
9 "Certain expenses" means expenses paid or incurred by a
10 qualifying taxpayer in connection with:
- 11 (1) Books;
12 (2) Supplies, other than athletic supplies for courses of
13 instruction in health or physical education;
14 (3) Computer equipment, including related software and
15 services;
16 (4) Supplementary materials used in the classroom; and
17 (5) Travel expenses incurred by the qualifying taxpayer
18 while the taxpayer is supervising, chaperoning, or
19 providing educational guidance to students on an
20 educational trip.



1 "Qualifying taxpayer" means a school teacher, special
 2 education teacher, school librarian, or counselor employed by
 3 the department of education, a charter school, or a private
 4 school in the State who instructs students in any grade from
 5 prekindergarten through twelfth grade."

6 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

7 SECTION 4. This Act, upon its approval, shall apply to
 8 taxable years beginning after December 31, 2018.
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Report Title:

Classroom Expenses; Travel Expenses

Description:

Establishes a state income tax credit for certain expenses paid or incurred by school teachers, special education teachers, school librarians, and counselors for supplementary materials used in the classroom, as well as expenses incurred while accompanying students on educational trips.

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