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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE GENERAL EXCISE TAX.

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

1       SECTION 1. Section 209E-11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3       "**§209E-11 State general excise exemptions.** The department  
4 shall certify annually to the department of taxation that any  
5 qualified business is exempt from the payment of general excise  
6 taxes on the gross proceeds from an eligible business activity  
7 as defined in this chapter; provided that agricultural  
8 businesses [~~other than those engaged in the production of~~  
9 ~~genetically engineered agricultural products~~] shall not be  
10 exempt from the payment of general excise taxes on the gross  
11 proceeds of agricultural retail sales. The gross proceeds  
12 received by a contractor licensed under chapter 444 shall be  
13 exempt from the general excise tax for construction within an  
14 enterprise zone performed for a qualified business within an  
15 enterprise zone or a business that has been approved by the  
16 department to enroll into the enterprise zone program. The  
17 exemption shall extend for a period not to exceed seven years;



1 provided that for qualified businesses engaged in the  
2 manufacturing of tangible personal property or the producing or  
3 processing of agricultural products, the exemption shall extend  
4 for a period not to exceed ten years; provided further that if a  
5 force majeure event occurs, then the period of time shall be  
6 tolled until the force majeure event ceases."

7 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
8 and stricken.

9 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:





# S.B. NO. 2509

**Report Title:**

General Excise Tax; Genetically Engineered Agricultural Products; Exemptions

**Description:**

Repeals an exemption to the general excise tax for genetically engineered agricultural products.

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