

ACT 250

H.B. NO. 3817

A Bill for an Act Relating to Department of Taxation Publications.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that certain reports published by the department of taxation, tax research and planning office, are an important source of information for government in its decision-making and for the public. Since the tax department is indefinitely suspending publication of future issues of these reports due to budget restraints, new methods of financing the costs of publication and distribution are needed.

The purpose of this Act is to mandate continued publication of the reports in paper form. This Act also requires the department to begin distribution of the reports in commonly accessible electronic forms and to charge fees for paper and electronic versions of the reports.

SECTION 2. Chapter 231, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

“§231- Publication of reports. (a) The department of taxation shall publish reports on the following:

- (1) Hawaii income patterns—individuals;
- (2) Hawaii income patterns—corporations, proprietorships, and partnerships; and
- (3) Tax credits.

The department shall make each of these reports available in both paper form and commonly accessible electronic forms for a reasonable fee.

(b) The department shall explore and implement all reasonable methods of covering the costs of publication and distribution of the reports, including but not limited to:

- (1) Setting reasonable fees that will cover the costs of producing and distributing the reports in paper and electronic form; and
- (2) Negotiating licensing fees with commercial information providers for rights to carry the reports on-line or in other electronic storage methods.”

SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.¹

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved June 18, 1996.)

Note

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.