



DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION

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**State Department of Taxation /AARP Bring Free Tax Assistance to Molokai**

HONOLULU—The State Department of Taxation (DOTAX) in conjunction with the American Association of Retired People (AARP) through the AARP-Tax Aide Program, will bring free tax assistance to the island of Molokai. Volunteer counselors under this program are trained and IRS-certified to assist the elderly, low income, limited English speaking, and/or disabled taxpayers in preparation of their Federal and State income tax returns. Special attention will be provided to those age 60 or older.

AARP in Hawaii has over 70 sites with numerous volunteers eager to assist the taxpayers in the completion of their tax returns. DOTAX employees will also be on hand to meet with taxpayers on any tax-related matters and will provide assistance on a case-by-case basis focusing on an individual taxpayer's needs. Taxpayers should bring

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proper identification along with any pertinent records, correspondence and copies of their prior year tax returns.

The joint outreach effort will be held at **Mitchell Pauole Community Center** located at 90 Ainoa Street in Kaunakakai on the following dates and times:

**Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup> 2005, from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, February 20<sup>th</sup> 2005, from 8:30 a.m-12:30 p.m.**

**It is important for taxpayers to bring the following documents in order to insure that their return can be completed:**

1. Social security card(s) or a current record of SSN from the Social Security Administration.
2. Federal and state tax form packets.
3. Forms W-2 (Wage and Tax Statement) from each employer.
4. Forms 1099-INT or 1099-DIV (to report interest and dividends).
5. SSA-1099 or RRB-1099 (to report social security and railroad retirement).
6. 1099-R (to report pension income).
7. Other relevant income/expense information. List of medical, taxes, interest, contributions, and miscellaneous expenses (to itemize deductions).
8. Copies of the 2003 federal and state tax returns (helps volunteer prepare the 2004 return).
9. Child and disabled dependent care information.
10. Picture identification.

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11. Direct Deposit option requires financial account and routing number – verify with financial institution. (Checking account – Voided check acceptable).

12. Birth date(s) for individual, spouse and dependent(s) on the tax return.

For additional information, contact the following representatives:

Department of Taxation – Ms. Lorna Dudoit at 553-5541 or Janet Fujii at 587-1791

AARP Representative – Molokai, Ms. Gladys Brown at 553-5375.

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