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STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND AARP TAX-AIDE TO OFFER FREE ONE-DAY TAX ASSISTANCE TO THE WAIANAE COMMUNITY

HONOLULU - The State Department of Taxation (DOTAX)-Honolulu, in conjunction with the American Association of Retired People (AARP) through the AARP-Tax Aide Program, will provide free tax assistance in the Waianae community on Saturday, Feb. 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Waianae Public Library located at 85-625 Farrington Highway. Free electronic filing will also be available.

AARP Tax-Aide 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.

DOTAX employees will be on hand to meet with taxpayers on any State tax-related matters and will provide assistance on a case-by-case basis focusing on the individual taxpayer's needs. Taxpayers should bring proper identification along with any pertinent records, correspondence and copies of their prior year tax returns.

This free one-day joint outreach effort is in addition to the tax assistance that is being offered every Tuesday and Wednesday from now until April 12 at the Waianae Community Center.

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

 Social Security card(s) or a current record of SSN from the Social Security Administration.

- Federal and state tax form packets.
- Forms W-2 (Wage and Tax Statement) from each employer.
- Forms 1099-INT or 1099-DIV (to report interest and dividends).
- SSA-1099 or RRB-1099 (to report Social Security and Railroad Retirement).
- 1099-R (to report pension income).
- Other relevant income/expense information. List of medical expenses, taxes, interest, contributions, and miscellaneous expenses (to itemize deductions).
- Copies of the 2004 Federal and State tax returns (helps volunteers to prepare the 2005 tax return).
- Child and disabled dependent care information.
- Picture Identification.
- Direct Deposit option requires financial account and routing number-verify with financial institution. (Checking account-Voided Check acceptable).
- Birth date(s) for individual, spouse and dependent(s) on the tax return.

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