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**STATE TAX DEPARTMENT EXTENDS PERIOD OF TAX RELIEF TO APRIL 9, 2006 TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES AFFECTED BY STORMS**

**Filing extensions, penalty waivers to be considered on case-by-case basis**

HONOLULU – Taxpayers, both individuals and businesses, severely impacted by the recent rains and flooding and who have difficulty meeting their tax obligations may request filing and payment extensions as well as waivers of penalties and interest on a case-by-case basis.

Hawaii employers whose withholding tax returns are due on April 15, 2006 (since April 15, 2006 falls on a weekend taxes are due April 17, 2006), and who, as a result of the rains and flooding are unable to meet the due dates, may file and pay the tax due as late as May 15, 2006 without being assessed penalties or interest.

Visit the Department of Taxation's website at [www.hawaii.gov/tax](http://www.hawaii.gov/tax) for additional information and details provided in Tax Announcements 2006-01, 2006-02, and 2006-03, which include instructions on claiming casualty loss deductions, net operating losses, and the general excise tax exemption for insurance proceeds received because of a natural disaster. Residents and businesses may also call 587-4242 or toll free (800) 222-3229 during our expanded telephone customer service hours of 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday to Friday (excluding State holidays), through April 28, 2006. Starting May 1, 2006, the customer service telephone hours will return to 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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