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DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION WARNS OF TELEPHONE SCAM REGARDING STATE OF HAWAI'I TAX REFUNDS

HONOLULU – The State Department of Taxation is warning taxpayers of a new telephone scam targeting Hawai‘i taxpayers. Taxpayers have reported receiving recorded telephone messages informing them that they are eligible for a lifetime tax refund because they have paid their taxes every year. The recording then repeats the taxpayer's name and address and asks for confirmation of the address.

This is a scam. Do not reply.

The Department of Taxation does NOT make automated telephone calls to taxpayers with recorded messages nor does the Department have a 'lifetime tax refund' program.

Anyone receiving this type of recorded message may report it to the Tax Department at 587-1540.

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