

## **DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION**

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## **State Departments Partner with Aloha 'Aina Earth Day**

HONOLULU - In celebration of "Ha'aheo Pride in Public Service" month, five State agencies are partnering with a recycling program to clean out state offices tomorrow.

"We are promoting recycling and keeping trash out of our landfill while clearing out unusable clutter from state offices at no expense to taxpayers," said Tax Director Fred Pablo. The Tax Department has been leading the coordination effort with the Aloha 'Aina Earth Day. Volunteers from Aloha 'Aina Earth Day will be collecting recyclable waste on Friday, May 27, 2011 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 830 Punchbowl St.

Other departments participating include: Accounting and General Services (DAGS), Public Safety (PSD), Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR) and the Attorney General (AG), Money collected from the materials on Friday will be donated to the state's general fund.

"We are encouraging our employees to get rid of unusable and unwanted clutter," Attorney General David Louie said. "We are able to accomplish this sizable task with departments working together and with help from the community."

State employees are encouraged to donate their obsolete equipment, such as computers, printers and scanners, as well as other recyclable materials including newspaper, telephone books, and plastic and bottle caps. Other materials being collected include televisions (limited one per household), unwanted cars (free towing) batteries, usable clothing and household items.

"We appreciate the help from the Aloha Aina Earth Day vendors and their offer to help government during these challenging economic times," said Department of Labor and Industrial Relations Director Dwight Takamine.

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