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Department of Taxation Launches Survey

HONOLULU - Over the next three weeks, the Department of Taxation will be sending letters and emails to General Excise Tax licensees who had previously claimed exemptions or deductions from the General Excise and Use Tax. The purpose of the letter is to alert taxpayers about a survey the Department is conducting to gather more information about businesses benefiting from the exemptions.

During the 2011 legislative session, Act 105 was adopted, suspending 23 general excise and 6 use tax exemptions. The Act also requires the Department of Taxation to gather information and report "...on all exclusions or exemptions of all amounts, persons, or transactions..."

To expedite the survey process for our taxpayers, the Department worked with Hawaii Information Consortium, our e-filing partner, to develop an electronic survey form. Stated Director of Taxation Fred Pablo, "Information gathered from the survey will assist in understanding the impact of General Excise and Use Tax exemptions on our State's economy and its different industries."

The Department will issue Tax Announcement 2011- 26 and Tax Information Release 2011-04 on September 26, 2011, through the Department's website www.hawaii.gov/tax to assist taxpayers in completing the survey.

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