# tax credits

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#### INTRODUCTION

This annual report summarizes eight tax credits claimed by Hawaii residents in tax year 1995: food tax credit, low-income household renter's tax credit, general income tax credit, medical services excise tax credit, child and dependent care expenses tax credit, energy conservation tax credit, child passenger restraint system tax credit, and capital goods excise tax credit. Residents meeting certain qualifications may apply for any or all of these credits. Nonresidents may qualify for the child passenger restraint system and the capital goods excise tax credits. Also included are data on the telephone lifeline service credit which is offered to the telephone public utility. This telephone lifeline service benefits low-income elderly and disabled telephone users.

#### **TAX CREDITS CLAIMED BY HAWAII RESIDENTS - 1995**

#### **PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT**

For thirty years now, various tax credits have provided tax relief to resident taxpayers for a variety of economic and social reasons. Nearly 90% of all taxpayers filing resident returns claim at least one of the credits. This report examines and presents statistics on the various credits and is intended for legislators, individuals and organizations interested in the effectiveness of Hawaii's tax credits.

#### DATA SOURCE AND METHODOLOGY

Data summarized in this report were extracted from a sample of resident net income tax returns filed for the 1995 tax year in the state's four taxation districts, sometimes referred to by islands.

<u>Taxation District</u> <u>Islands</u>

First Oahu

Second Maui (includes Molokai and Lanai)

Third Hawaii

Fourth Kauai (includes Niihau)

Part of the data for this report was retrieved from the Department of Taxation's computerized Comprehensive Net Income Tax system (CNIT) which extracted data from the individual income tax forms. With the new condensed tax form N-11, additional data from Internal Revenue Service files were extracted and merged with the CNIT data. Where possible, certain items were manually imputed: qualifying child and dependent care expenses based on amount of credit, number of qualifying individuals for the dependent care credit based on number of dependents and amount of credit, and medical expenses based on amount of credit. Certain data discussed in earlier reports and not available for this 1995 report include amount of rent paid, type of energy device and energy device expenses.

Besides the individual income tax forms N-12, N-13 and N-15, a new form N-11 was introduced in tax year 1995. Prior to 1995, residents had a choice between forms N-12 or N-13. Form N-13 was restricted to residents with taxable income below \$100,000 and income sources consisting of wages, salaries, tips, interest, ordinary dividends, and/or unemployment compensation (residents with AGI under \$30,000 may qualify to use form N-13EZ). All other resident taxpayers chose form N-12, or were required to use it if they had other sources of income, itemized deductions, or claimed adjustments to income. Form N-15 was reserved for nonresidents.

Designed to replace form N-12, form N-11 was a more condensed form which started off with the federal adjusted gross income (AGI). Adjustments were made to arrive at Hawaii AGI. This meant that income and adjustment items were eliminated from the data set. Several schedules and forms were also deleted. Many of the tax credit forms were replaced with a schedule X which included the food tax credit, low-income household renters credit, child dependent care expenses tax credit, and medical services excise tax credit. Form N-12 was still kept for part-year residents or residents who did not file federal returns.

# Chart 1

# **Outline of Tax Credit History**

| 1965  | CONSUMER-TYPE          | EDUCATION               |                       |                            |  |                  |
|-------|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|--|------------------|
|       | Act 155                | Act 155                 |                       |                            |  |                  |
|       | \$.45 to \$18/exemp    | K-12 \$2 to \$20/dep.   |                       |                            |  |                  |
|       | MAGI <\$1,100 >\$6,300 | Higher \$2 to \$50/dep. |                       |                            |  |                  |
|       |                        | AGI <\$3,000 >\$5,000   |                       |                            |  |                  |
| 1967  | Act 229                | Act 229                 |                       |                            |  |                  |
|       | \$1 to \$20/exemp      | K-12 \$2 to \$20/dep    |                       |                            |  |                  |
|       | MAGI <\$7,000          | Higher \$5 to \$50/dep  |                       |                            |  |                  |
|       | Residents only         | AGI <\$3,000 <\$7,000   |                       |                            |  |                  |
|       |                        | Residents only          |                       |                            |  |                  |
| 1969  | Act 60                 |                         |                       |                            |  |                  |
|       | \$1 to \$21/exemp      |                         |                       |                            |  |                  |
|       | MAGI <\$10,000         |                         |                       | -                          |  |                  |
| 1970  |                        | DRUG/MEDICAL            | RENT                  |                            |  |                  |
|       |                        | Act 180                 | Act 180               |                            |  |                  |
|       |                        | 1% to 4% of expense     | 1% to 2% of rent paid |                            |  |                  |
|       |                        | MAGI <\$14,000          | AGI <\$15,000         |                            |  |                  |
| 1971  |                        | Act 59                  |                       |                            |  |                  |
|       |                        | Double for elderly      |                       |                            |  |                  |
| 1974  | EXCISE                 |                         |                       |                            |  |                  |
|       | Act 221                |                         |                       |                            |  |                  |
|       | Combine four credits   |                         |                       |                            |  |                  |
|       | \$6 to \$30/exemp      |                         |                       |                            |  |                  |
|       | AGI <\$15,000          |                         |                       |                            | 1  |                  |
| 1976  | Act 208                |                         |                       | ENERGY                     |  |                  |
|       | \$6 to \$40/exemp      |                         |                       | Act 189                    |  |                  |
|       | AGI <\$20,000          |                         |                       | 10% of expense             |  |                  |
| 4077  | Double for elderly     |                         |                       | Expire 12/31/81            |  |                  |
| 1977  |                        |                         | Act 15                |                            | DEPENDENT CARE                           |                  |
|       |                        |                         | \$20/exemp            |                            | Act 196                                  |                  |
|       |                        |                         | AGI <\$20,000         |                            | 5% of expense                            |                  |
|       |                        |                         | Rent >\$1,000         |                            | Max \$100 one ind. Max \$200 two or more |                  |
| 1978  |                        |                         | Double for elderly    | Act 19                     | INIAK DZUU IWU UI IIIUI B                | $\dashv$         |
| 1910  |                        |                         |                       | Include insulation materia | ļ  |                  |
|       |                        |                         |                       | up to \$30                 | 1  |                  |
| 1980  | Act 228                |                         |                       | αριο φου                   |  | $\dashv$         |
| 1 300 | \$8 to \$48/exemp      |                         |                       |                            |  |                  |
|       | Include DSSH exemp     |                         |                       |                            |  |                  |
| 1981  | morade boot i exemp    |                         | Act 230               | Act 233                    | Act 234                                  | GENERAL          |
|       |                        |                         | \$50/exemp            | Extend to 12/31/85         | 10% of expense                           | Act 231          |
|       |                        |                         | φοσισκοπηρ            | Include wind energy &      | Max \$200 one ind.                       | \$100/exemp      |
|       |                        |                         |                       | home heat pump             | Max \$400 two or more                    | \$ . 00/ 0x0/11p |
|       | +                      | +                       | +                     |                            |  | +                |

| 1982 |   |   |                              | e of Tax Credit H   | Act 25  | Act 265                       | CAR SEAT               |                               |   |   |
|------|---|---|------------------------------|---|---|-------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|---|---|
| 1302 |   |   |                              |   | 10% - 15% of expense<br>Max \$360 one ind.<br>Max \$720 two or more | \$25/exemp                    | Act 134<br>\$25/return |                               |   |   |
| 1983 |   |   |                              | Act 67<br>Include commercial heat<br>pump   |   | Act 97<br>\$1/exemp           |                        |                               |   |   |
| 1984 |   |   |                              |   |   | Act 55<br>\$1/exemp           |                        |                               |   |   |
| 1985 |   |   |                              | Act 232<br>Extend to 12/31/92   |   | Act 81<br>\$1/exemp           |                        |                               |   |   |
| 1986 |   |   |                              | Act 66,70 15% of expense Include ice storage  |   | Act 49<br>\$1/exemp           |                        |                               |   |   |
| 1987 |   |   |                              | motate for storage  |   | Act 41<br>\$1/exemp           |                        | FOOD<br>Act 239<br>\$45/exemp | CAPITAL GOODS Act 239 1988: 3% of expense 1989: 4% of expense |   |
| 1988 | Act 11<br>\$10 to \$55/exemp<br>AGI <\$30,000                     |   |                              |   |   | Act 185<br>\$1/exemp          |                        |                               |   |   |
| 1989 |   | MEDICAL SERVICE Act 321 4% of medical expenses Max \$200 sgl \$400 senior \$600 sr couple | ACt 321<br>AGI <\$30,000     | Act 307<br>20% of expense   | Act 321/322<br>AGI ceiling raised<br>Rate inc. 15% to 25%           | <b>Act 323</b><br>\$125/exemp |                        |                               |   |   |
| 1990 | Act 187<br>Repeal excise<br>Combine food/excise<br>Food\$55/exemp |   | Act 98<br><\$1 AGI qualifies | Act 319 Extend to 12/31/98 Solar35%/cost up to \$1,750 Heat pump20%/cost up to \$400 Wind en20%/cost lce stor50%/cost |   | Act 186<br>\$60/exemp         |                        | Act 187<br>\$55/exemp         |   |   |
| 1991 |   | Act 217<br>Extend to 12/31/96   |                              |   |   | <b>Act 179</b><br>\$1/exemp   |                        |                               |   | JOB CREDIT<br>Act 137<br>20%/wage up to<br>\$1,200/voc.reh.er |
| 1992 |   |   |                              |   |   | Act 128<br>\$1/exemp          |                        |                               |   | ,   |
| 1993 |   | Act 315 6% of nursing facility exp.   |                              |   |   | Act 184<br>\$1/exemp          |                        |                               |   |   |
| 1994 |   | onp.  |                              |   |   | Act 85<br>\$1/exemp           |                        |                               |   |   |
| 1995 | Act 134<br>Repealed   | Act 134 Repealed Act 23 (amend Act 134) Retain 6% nursing facility                        |                              |   |   | Act 93<br>\$1/exemp           |                        | Act 134<br>\$27/exemp         |   |   |

Figure 1
Number of Returns Processed and Sampled by Taxation District

|                   | Returns Processed |        |         | Number in Sample |       |       |
|-------------------|-------------------|--------|---------|------------------|-------|-------|
| Taxation District | N-11              | N-12   | N-13    | N-11             | N-12  | N-13  |
| First             | 271,885           | 42,075 | 74,764  | 12,507           | 630   | 1,831 |
| Second            | 36,334            | 5,104  | 8,717   | 1,641            | 193   | 401   |
| Third             | 38,767            | 6,344  | 12,457  | 1,890            | 183   | 642   |
| Fourth            | 17,549            | 2,614  | 4,584   | 758              | 87    | 207   |
| STATE             | 364,535           | 56,137 | 100,522 | 16,796           | 1,093 | 3,081 |

Nearly 70% of all returns processed were Form N-11's. The sample data set consisted of 20,970 returns, or 4.0% of the 521,194 returns which were processed for the 1995 tax year.

The number of returns processed dropped 4.4% from 545,415 returns in 1994, to 521,194 returns in 1995. One reason for the drop may be due to the cutoff date for return sampling. A later cutoff date was used for the 1994 tax year for processing reasons. Also, elimination of the excise tax credit may have led some taxpayers to disregard filing a return just for the credit.

#### **OUTLINE OF TAX CREDIT HISTORY**

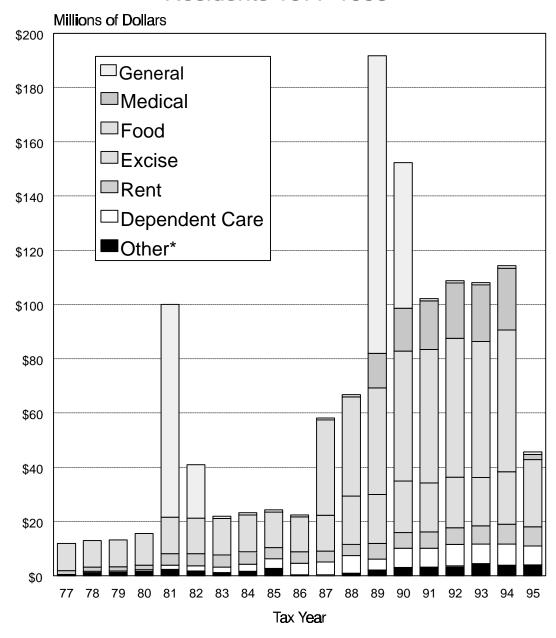
Chart 1 (on pages 4-5) presents a brief history of tax credits discussed in this report. It covers tax credits introduced since 1965 and the changes made over the years. The tax year represents the year it became effective, unless noted otherwise. Each block contains the act number and briefly notes some requirements and the credit amount.

#### **OVERVIEW**

The state legislature made several changes to the tax credits for the 1995 tax year. The excise tax credit which was available to residents with AGI under \$30,000 was repealed, while the food tax credit was reduced from \$55 to \$27 per qualifying exemption. The 4% portion of the medical services excise tax credit was also repealed, keeping only the credit for nursing facility expenses.

As a result of these changes, the total amount of credits claimed in 1995 dropped 60.1%, from \$114.3 million in 1994, to \$45.6 million. Chart 2 illustrates how the different legislative changes affected the amount of credit claimed from 1977 to 1995. The general income tax credit shows the most obvious changes. The amount of credit for all years since its inception in 1981 was \$1 per qualifying exemption, except for tax years 1981 (\$100), 1982 (\$25), 1989 (\$125), and 1990 (\$60). In tax year 1995, we see how total claims plummeted by almost \$69 million from the previous year. Food credit claims were cut to almost half of the previous year, the excise credit disappeared, and the medical services credit dropped by nearly \$21 million.

Chart 2
Tax Credits Claimed by
Residents 1977-1995



<sup>\*</sup>Includes Energy, Car Seat, and Capital Goods Credits

As seen in Figure 2, the general income tax credit and the food credit were the most frequently claimed credits. Nearly 90% of all resident taxpayers claimed these two credits. The low-income renter's credit was next with 15% claims, followed by the dependent care credit. Each of the other credits was claimed by fewer than 1% of all taxpayers.

Figure 2
Percent of Resident Returns Claiming Tax Credits
for the 1995 Tax Year

|   | Number of<br>Returns | Percent<br>of Total<br>Returns | Percent<br>of Total<br>w/Credits |
|---|----------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| All Resident Returns                        | 521,194              | 100.0%                         | W C Cano                         |
|   | ,                    |                                |                                  |
| Returns with Tax Credits                    | 461,737              | 88.6%                          | 100.0%                           |
| General Income Tax Credit                   | 448,477              | 86.0%                          | 97.1%                            |
| Food Credit                                 | 452,620              | 86.8%                          | 98.0%                            |
| Medical Services Excise Credit              | 2,287                | 0.4%                           | 0.5%                             |
| Renter's Credit                             | 77,190               | 14.8%                          | 16.7%                            |
| Dependent Care Credit                       | 23,855               | 4.6%                           | 5.2%                             |
| Capital Goods Excise Credit                 | 2,210                | 0.4%                           | 0.5%                             |
| Child Car Seat Credit (passenger restraint) | 3,196                | 0.6%                           | 0.7%                             |
| Energy Device Credit "                      | 2,668                | 0.5%                           | 0.6%                             |

Figures 3 and 4 show a detailed comparison of the numbers and amounts of claims made for the various credits for tax years 1995 and 1994.

Figure 3
Comparison of Amount of Tax Credits Claimed in Each District by Type of Credit, 1995 over 1994
(Thousands of Dollars)

|                   |          |          | AXATION          | DISTRICT     |          |
|-------------------|----------|----------|------------------|--------------|----------|
| Type of Credit    | State    | First    | Second           | Third        | Fourth   |
| Renter's Credit   |          |          |                  |              |          |
| 1995              | \$ 7,098 | \$ 5,394 | \$ 708           | \$ 738       | \$ 257   |
| 1994              | 7,283    | 5,588    | φ 700<br>694     | φ 766<br>681 | 320      |
| % Change          | -2.5%    | -3.5%    | 2.1%             | 8.3%         | -19.6%   |
| Dependent Care    |          |          |                  |              |          |
| 1995              | \$ 7,017 | \$ 5,255 | \$ 631           | \$ 891       | \$ 240   |
| 1994              | 7,757    | 6,012    | 548              | 883          | 314      |
| % Change          | -9.5%    | -12.6%   | 15.2%            | 0.9%         | -23.5%   |
| General           |          |          |                  |              |          |
| 1995              | \$ 895   | \$ 656   | \$ 87            | \$ 108       | \$ 45    |
| 1994              | 920      | 671      | 91               | 110          | 48       |
| % Change          | -2.7%    | -2.2%    | -5.2%            | -1.9%        | -6.6%    |
| Food              |          |          |                  |              |          |
| 1995              | \$24,663 | \$18,050 | \$ 2,426         | \$ 2,968     | \$ 1,219 |
| 1994              | 52,231   | 38,055   | φ 2,420<br>5,212 | 6,279        | 2,684    |
| % Change          | -52.8%   | -52.6%   | -53.5%           | -52.7%       | -54.6%   |
| Energy Conservati | on       |          |                  |              |          |
| 1995              | \$ 2,429 | \$ 1,328 | \$ 273           | \$ 413       | \$ 416   |
| 1994              | 2,093    | 794      | 570              | 201          | 528      |
| % Change          | 16.0%    | 67.2%    | -52.1%           | 105.1%       | -21.3%   |
| Capital Goods     |          |          |                  |              |          |
| 1995              | \$ 1,463 | \$ 828   | \$ 542           | \$ 39        | \$ 53    |
| 1994              | 1,732    | 1,089    | 309              | 229          | 105      |
| % Change          | -15.5%   | -24.0%   | 75.4%            | -82.8%       | -48.9%   |
| Medical Services  |          |          |                  |              |          |
| 1995              | \$ 1,948 | \$ 1,460 | \$ 37            | \$ 327       | \$ 124   |
| 1994              | 22,835   | 17,552   | 1,725            | 2,552        | 1,007    |
| % Change          | -91.5%   | -91.7%   | -97.8%           | -87.2%       | -87.7%   |

<sup>\*</sup>Includes energy credit carried forward to 1995 for devices installed before 1995.

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

The reduced food tax credit resulted in a 52.8% drop in the amount of claims from \$52.2 million to \$24.7 million, while the number of claimants declined 4.2%. The repeal of the 4% credit for medical services resulted in fewer residents qualifying for this credit. Since only nursing facility expenses were eligible, claims plummeted by 99.1%, from 251,732 to 2,287 claims, and the amount from \$22.8 million to \$1.9 million.

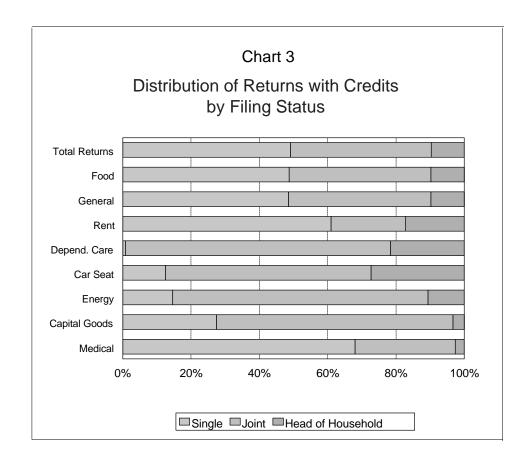
Figure 4
Comparison of Number of Returns Claiming Tax Credits in Each District by Type of Credit, 1995 over 1994

|                  |                      | T       | AXATION | DISTRICT            |        |
|------------------|----------------------|---------|---------|---------------------|--------|
| Type of Credit   | State                | First   | Second  | Third               | Fourth |
| Renter's Credit  |                      |         |         |                     |        |
| 1995             | 77,190               | 59,139  | 7,600   | 7,818               | 2,633  |
| 1994             | 75,837               | 57,606  | 7,639   | 7,475               | 3,117  |
| % Change         | 1.8%                 | 2.7%    | -0.5%   | 4.6%                | -15.5% |
| , o Griango      | 11070                | 2.1. /0 | 0.070   | 1.070               | 10.070 |
| Dependent Care   |                      |         |         |                     |        |
| 1995             | 23,855               | 17,712  | 2,273   | 2,799               | 1,071  |
| 1994             | 26,471               | 20,225  | 2,330   | 2,783               | 1,133  |
| % Change         | -9.9%                | -12.4%  | -2.4%   | 0.6%                | -5.5%  |
| General          |                      |         |         |                     |        |
| 1995             | 448,477              | 333,186 | 42,569  | 51,066              | 21,656 |
| 1994             | 456,201              | 336,824 | 44,415  | 52,764              | 22,198 |
| % Change         | -1.7%                | -1.1%   | -4.2%   | -3.2%               | -2.4%  |
| 70 Change        | -1.770               | -1.170  | -4.2 /0 | -3.2 /0             | -2.470 |
| Food             |                      |         |         |                     |        |
| 1995             | 452,620              | 336,138 | 43,214  | 51,521              | 21,747 |
| 1994             | 472,544              | 349,590 | 45,887  | 54,215              | 22,852 |
| % Change         | -4.2%                | -3.8%   | -5.8%   | -5.0%               | -4.8%  |
| Energy Conservat | ion                  |         |         |                     |        |
| 1995             | 2,668                | 1,542   | 218     | 522                 | 386    |
| 1994             | 2,127                | 858     | 500     | 252                 | 517    |
| % Change         | 25.4%                | 79.7%   | -56.4%  | 107.1%              | -25.3% |
| 0 11 10 1        |                      |         |         |                     |        |
| Capital Goods    | 0.040                | 4 405   | 000     | 100                 | 400    |
| 1995             | 2,210                | 1,485   | 333     | 193                 | 199    |
| 1994             | 3,418                | 2,206   | 336     | 552                 | 324    |
| % Change         | -35.3%               | -32.7%  | -0.9%   | -65.0%              | -38.6% |
| Medical Services |                      |         |         |                     |        |
| 1995             | 2,287                | 1,882   | 142     | 229                 | 34     |
| 1994             | 251,732              | 188,668 | 22,619  | 27,411              | 13,034 |
| % Change         | -99 <sup>°</sup> .1% | -99.0%  | -99.4%  | -99 <sup>.</sup> 2% | -99.7% |

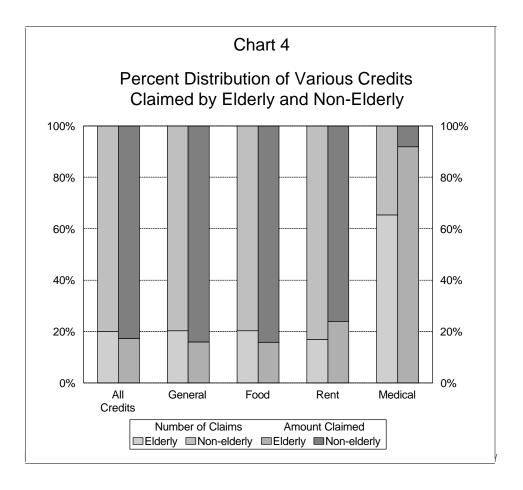
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Almost one-half of taxpayers claimed single filing status, while 41% claimed joint filing status, and 10%

claimed head of household status. In Chart 3, the top bar shows the filing status composition of all returns, while subsequent bars present a breakdown for each type of credit claimed. The distribution of the food and general credits is similar to that of total returns. Over 60% of single taxpayers claimed the rent credit and medical services credits, while the dependent care and car seat credits were common among the joint and heads of household filers.



Elderly taxpayers (age 65 and over) made up 20% of all returns with tax credits. For the many elderly taxpayers who were on a fixed income, the legislature eased the tax burden by allowing an extra exemption for the renter's credit. As reflected in Chart 4, this resulted in a higher proportion of dollar claims for the renter's credit among the elderly relative to number of claims. The number and amounts claimed by the elderly were also higher for the medical services credit for nursing facility expenses.



#### **ANALYSIS OF DATA**

#### Food Tax Credit

Introduced in 1987, the food tax credit was intended to compensate for the 4% general excise tax on food purchased for home consumption. This credit was offered to all qualifying individuals who met the following requirements: 1) physically resided in the state for more than nine months of the taxable year; 2) not claimed as a dependent of another taxpayer for Hawaii or federal individual income tax purposes; and 3) not confined to prison, a youth correctional center, or a jail for the entire taxable year.

Based on the annual per capita amount of general excise taxes paid for food purchased for home consumption by low-income persons, the amount of credit initially was \$45 per qualified exemption. In tax year 1990, the credit was raised to \$55 per qualified exemption and combined with the excise tax credit, known as the food/excise tax credit. A sluggish economic situation caused the legislature to abolish the excise tax credit and lower the food credit to \$27 per qualified exemption in tax year 1995.

#### Number of Returns Claiming Food Tax Credit Tax Years 1987 to 1995

|          | Returns<br>with | Percent<br>Increase | Number<br>of | Percent<br>Increase |
|----------|-----------------|---------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Tax Year | Credit          | (Decrease)          | Exemptions   | (Decrease)          |
| 1987*    | 365,619         |                     | 779,906      |                     |
| 1988     | 391,379         | 7.0%                | 814,241      | 4.4%                |
| 1989     | 426,144         | 8.9%                | 872,657      | 7.2%                |
| 1990     | 430,074         | 0.9%                | 870,950      | -0.2%               |
| 1991     | 440,929         | 2.5%                | 894,672      | 2.7%                |
| 1992     | 458,033         | 3.9%                | 931,208      | 4.1%                |
| 1993     | 450,250         | -1.7%               | 924,526      | -0.7%               |
| 1994     | 472,544         | 5.0%                | 963,910      | 4.3%                |
| 1995     | 452,620         | -4.2%               | 913,462      | -5.2%               |

<sup>\*</sup>Year credit became effective.

Consequently, the 50% credit reduction resulted in a 52.8% drop in food tax credit claims, from \$52.2 million to \$24.7 million. In 1994, the food credit made up 45.7% of the total amount of credits claimed. Even with the repeal of the excise tax credit, claims for the food tax credit still made up 54.1% of total credits claimed and this credit remains one of the most widely claimed credits for all taxpayers. Since the inception of this credit, over 90% of all taxpayers with credits have claimed the food tax credit.

#### **General Income Tax Credit**

The Hawaii state constitution mandates a tax refund or tax credit to resident taxpayers whenever the state general fund surplus exceeds 5% of general fund revenues for each of two successive fiscal years. This credit has been offered each year since 1981, and the amount has fluctuated between \$1 and \$125 per qualified exemption. For tax year 1995, the credit amount was \$1 per qualified exemption.

To qualify for this credit, each claimant must be a resident for at least nine months of the taxable year, even if the resident was not physically present in Hawaii. Dependents filing their own returns may not claim the credit. Children receiving welfare and/or social security benefits are eligible for the credit and elderly taxpayers may not claim the extra exemption for age.

Figure 6
Number of Returns Claiming General Income Tax Credit and Amount of Credit Claimed by Filing Status (Excludes dependents filing own returns)

| Filing Status     | Number<br>of<br>Returns | Returns<br>with<br>Credit | % with<br>Credit | Total<br>Credit<br>Claimed |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| Single*           | 278,785                 | 217,692                   | 78.1%            | \$ 236,206                 |
| Joint**           | 196,183                 | 186,798                   | 95.2%            | 560,535                    |
| Head of Household | 46,226                  | 43,987                    | 95.2%            | 98,552                     |
| TOTAL             | 521,194                 | 448,477                   | 86.0%            | \$ 895,293                 |

<sup>\*</sup>Includes married filing separately.

Overall, 86% of all taxpayers claimed the general income tax credit. While 78% of single taxpayers claimed the general income tax credit, 95% of joint filers and head of household filers claimed this credit. Those not claiming the credit may not have met all of the requirements, chose not to claim this minimal amount, or were not aware of the credit.

#### Low-Income Household Renters Tax Credit

Resident taxpayers who occupy and pay rent for residential real property within the state may claim the low-income household renters tax credit, if the following requirements are met: 1) physically reside in the state for more than nine months of the taxable year; 2) not be claimed as a dependent of another taxpayer; 3) have adjusted gross income under \$30,000; and 4) pay more than \$1,000 in rent for real property that is not partially or wholly exempt from the real property tax. Taxpayers sharing a rental unit must qualify on the basis of their share of the total rent paid.

The amount of credit is equal to \$50 per qualified exemption and taxpayers age 65 and over may claim an extra exemption for age. Married couples filing separately must combine their adjusted gross incomes to determine eligibility.

Figure 7
Number Claiming Renter's Tax Credit by Adjusted Gross Income Class

|                       | Number of | Number with | % with |
|-----------------------|-----------|-------------|--------|
| Adjusted Gross Income | Returns*  | Credit      | Credit |
|                       |           | 40.000      |        |
| Under \$1,000         | 56,961    | 12,882      | 22.6%  |
| \$ 1000 " 5,000       | 62,359    | 7,517       | 12.1%  |
| 5,000 " 10,000        | 55,088    | 9,294       | 16.9%  |
| 10,000 " 15,000       | 45,908    | 11,456      | 25.0%  |
| 15,000 " 20,000       | 43,517    | 12,907      | 29.7%  |
| 20,000 " 30,000       | 78,972    | 23,134      | 29.3%  |
| TOTAL                 | 342,805   | 77,190      | 22.5%  |

<sup>\*</sup>Excludes returns filed by dependents.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Includes qualifying surviving spouse.

Nearly 23% of the 342,805 taxpayers who reported adjusted gross income below \$30,000 claimed \$7.1 million in renter's tax credits. This represents a 2.5% decrease over the \$7.3 million claimed by 75,837 taxpayers in tax year 1994. The average claim per return dropped from \$96 to \$92 dollars from the previous year.

In the 1994 tax year, the average annual rent paid by claimants was \$5,163. This information was not extracted in tax year 1995.

#### Medical Services Excise Tax Credit

In 1989, the medical services excise tax credit was created to rebate the general excise taxes paid for medical services. The credit is equal to 4% of qualified medical care expenses paid which was subject to Hawaii's general excise tax and was limited as follows: \$200 per individual income tax return, \$400 for a taxpayer who is 65 years of age or older, and \$600 per couple where both are 65 years of age or older. Married couples filing separately were required to combine their credits to determine the maximum amount allowed.

Act 315, effective July 1, 1993, established a hospital and nursing facility tax of 4% on hospital income and 6% on nursing facility income, where hospital income was subject to the general excise tax. The taxes paid were deemed allowable and reimbursable costs for federal Medicaid reimbursement purposes. To offset this additional expense that was passed on to nursing facility clients, the medical services excise tax credit was expanded to include a 6% tax credit for nursing facilities expenses.

During the 1995 legislative session, Act 134 repealed the 4% medical services excise tax credit and the nursing facilities tax credit. In a special session, Act 23 amended this credit by repealing the 4% portion of the credit only and retaining the 6% nursing facility tax credit portion.

In previous years, almost all taxpayers with medical care service expenses qualified for this credit. Limiting the credit to nursing facility expenses slashed claims by 91% from 251,732 to 2,287 claims. The credit amount dropped from \$22.8 million to \$1.9 million and the average claim per return jumped from \$91 to \$852 per return. Claims for 1995 are for nursing facility expenses which are considerably higher than general medical care service expenses. Of the \$1.9 million tax credits claimed, elderly taxpayers accounted for \$1.8 million, or 92% of the total.

#### **Dependent Care Tax Credit**

Resident taxpayers may claim the dependent care tax credit if they pay for the care of a child under age 13 or a spouse or dependent incapable of self care in order that the taxpayer may be gainfully employed.

The credit amount ranges from 15% to 25% of care expenses and is inversely graduated to adjusted gross income, allowing the higher amount of credit to lower-income taxpayers. Taxpayers with adjusted gross income under \$22,000 receive the maximum credit of 25% of expenses while the rate drops one percentage point for each \$2,000 increase in adjusted gross income, as follows:

| Adjusted Gross I | <u>ncome</u> | <u>Percentage</u> |
|------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Up to \$         | 22,000       | 25%               |
| \$22,001 -       | 24,000       | 24%               |
| 24,001 -         | 26,000       | 23%               |
| 26,001 -         | 28,000       | 22%               |
| 28,001 -         | 30,000       | 21%               |
| 30,001 -         | 32,000       | 20%               |
| 32,001 -         | 34,000       | 19%               |
| 34,001 -         | 36,000       | 18%               |
| 36,001 -         | 38,000       | 17%               |
| 38,001 -         | 40,000       | 16%               |
| 40,001 and ove   | r            | 15%               |

Care expenses eligible for the credit are limited to \$2,400 for one dependent and \$4,800 for two or more dependents. The allowable expenses may not exceed the taxpayer's earned income; for joint taxpayers, allowable expenses may not exceed the earned income of the lesser-earning spouse. For example, if a couple with two dependents (both with care expenses) has adjusted gross income of \$75,000, wife's part-time earnings of \$1,000, and child care costs of \$5,000; the amount of allowable expenses would be the lesser of \$4,800 or the wife's earnings of \$1,000. The credit amount would be \$150, or 15% of \$1,000.

Figure 8
Selected Data on Returns Claiming the
Dependent Care Tax Credit

|                      | Returns        |                         | A                  | verage per Return  |                  |
|----------------------|----------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Taxation<br>District | with<br>Credit | Qualified<br>Dependents | Actual<br>Expenses | Expense<br>Allowed | Credit<br>Amount |
| Oahu                 | 17,712         | 22,755                  | \$1,818            | \$ 1,737           | \$ 297           |
| Maui                 | 2,273          | 2,704                   | 1,658              | 1,539              | 278              |
| Hawaii               | 2,799          | 3,546                   | 1,846              | 1,794              | 318              |
| Kauai                | 1,071          | 1,256                   | 1,334              | 1,334              | 224              |
| STATE                | 23,855         | 30,261                  | \$1,784            | \$ 1,706           | \$ 294           |

Dependent care tax credit claims totaled \$7.1 million, down 9.5% from \$7.8 million in 1994. The average claim per return remained almost unchanged at \$294. Statewide, the mean care expenses per claim was \$1,784. Average expenses were highest on Hawaii at \$1,846, followed by \$1,818 on Oahu, \$1,658 on Maui, and \$1,334 on Kauai. Approximately three-fourths of the credit was claimed in the first taxation district.

#### **Energy Device Tax Credit**

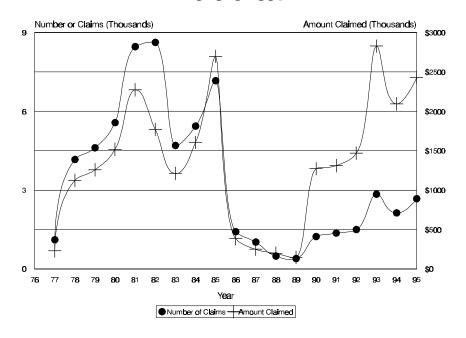
To encourage the conservation of energy, the Hawaii legislature introduced the energy device tax credit in the 1976 tax year. Along with the state credit of 10% of the cost of purchasing and installing the energy device, the federal government also offered a credit equal to 40% of the cost. After the federal credit expired in 1985, the legislature increased the credit to 15%, and then to 20%. The last increase in 1990 resulted in a 35% credit for solar systems, 20% credit for heat pumps and wind energy devices, and 50% for ice storage systems. On solar systems for single-family dwellings, the amount of credit was limited to \$1,750, and \$350 for multi-family dwellings. For heat pumps in single-family dwellings, the amount of credit was limited to \$400, and \$200 for multi-family dwellings. For hotels, commercial or industrial taxpayers, the amount of credit was unlimited.

A total of 2,668 claims were made for the energy device tax credit amounting to \$2.4 million. The average claim was \$910 per return, down 7.5% from the average \$984 in 1994. Among the four taxation districts, 54% of the claims were filed in the first district, 11% in the second district, and 17% each in the third and fourth districts.

Chart 5 illustrates the number of claims and the amount of credit claimed for all energy devices since the inception of the credit. From the late 1970's to the early 1980's energy-conscious taxpayers installed these energy savers and took advantage of the credit. Prior to 1986, claims were high until the expiration of the federal energy credit. Number of claims remained relatively low after 1985, with a slow increase after 1990, when the credit amount was raised.

Details on types of energy devices and costs were not collected for this tax year. In past years, claims for this credit were mostly for solar energy devices.

Chart 5
Energy Device Tax Credit
1976 to 1995



NOTE: Data not available prior to 1977.

#### Child Passenger Restraint System Tax Credit

Resident and nonresident taxpayers may claim a \$25 credit for the purchase of a new child passenger restraint system (car seat) meeting the federal motor vehicle safety standards. Introduced in 1982, the purpose of this credit was to promote the safety of children riding motor vehicles on public highways. Effective July 31, 1983, children under three years of age were required to be restrained in a car seat while riding a vehicle, resulting in a higher number of claims in that year.

Figure 9
Residents and Nonresidents Claiming Car Seat Credit

|          | RESID   | ENTS      | NONRES  | SIDENTS |
|----------|---------|-----------|---------|---------|
|          | Number  | Amount    | Number  | Amount  |
| Tax Year | Claimed | Claimed   | Claimed | Claimed |
|          |         |           |         |         |
| 1982     | 1,859   | \$ 46,475 | 48      | \$1,200 |
| 1983     | 4,507   | 112,675   | 101     | 2,525   |
| 1984     | 2,964   | 74,100    | 192     | 4,800   |
| 1985     | 1,087   | 27,175    | 337     | 8,425   |
| 1986     | 2,245   | 56,125    | 291     | 7,275   |
| 1987     | 1,974   | 49,350    | 210     | 5,250   |
| 1988     | 3,212   | 80,300    | 182     | 4,550   |
| 1989     | 2,375   | 59,375    | 143     | 3,575   |
| 1990     | 1,657   | 41,425    | 189     | 4,725   |
| 1991     | 468     | 11,700    | 183     | 4,575   |
| 1992     | 2,912   | 72,800    | 236     | 5,900   |
| 1993     | 428     | 10,700    | 185     | 4,625   |
| 1994     | 3,295   | 82,375    | 175     | 4,375   |
| 1995     | 3,196   | 79,900    | 176     | 4,400   |

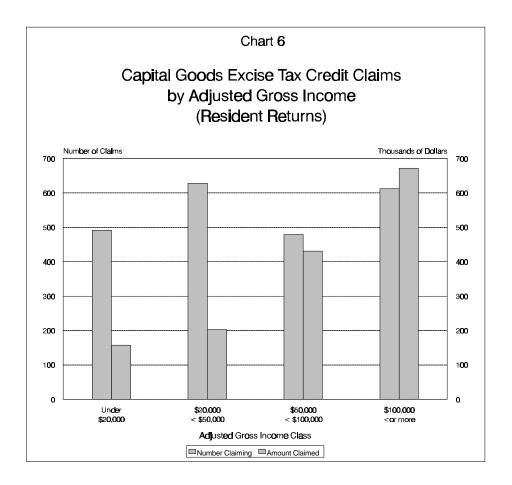
Claims for the car seat credit have fluctuated throughout the years. Residents claiming the credit in 1995 numbered 3,196, for a total \$79,900. A total of 176 nonresident claims amounted to \$4,400.

#### Capital Goods Excise Tax Credit

The purpose of the capital goods excise tax credit is to reimburse taxpayers for the 4% general excise tax paid on purchases of depreciable personal property used for a trade or business in the state. Eligible resident and nonresident taxpayers may claim this credit on their individual or business net income tax returns.

The number of claims dropped 35.3% from the previous year to 2,210 claims. The amount of credit claimed fell 15.5%, to \$1.5 million. As seen in Chart 6, taxpayers in the higher AGI groups claimed higher amounts of credits. Average claims for taxpayers in the under-\$20,000 and \$20,000-to-\$50,000 AGI groups were \$319 and \$323 per claim, respectively. The \$50,000-to-\$100,000 group averaged \$900, while the \$100,000-or-more group averaged \$1,097. The overall average claim was \$662, increasing 30.6% from the 1994 mean of \$507.

Nonresidents made a total of 252 claims for \$148,832. This represents a decrease over the 314 claims for \$431,033 made in 1994. The mean claim dropped from \$1,373 to \$591.



#### Lifeline Telephone Service Tax Credit

Lifeline telephone service is available to elderly and disabled residential telephone subscribers with an annual income of less than \$10,000. The Public Utilities Commission determines and certifies the lifeline service costs. The telephone public utility is entitled to claim this lifeline telephone service tax credit which is equal to the sum of foregone revenues and administrative costs of providing subsidized telephone rates to these eligible individuals.

At the end of tax year 1995, a total of 6,952 subscribers were registered for this service, and the total amount of tax credit claimed by the public utility was \$266.7 thousand.

Figure 10 Lifeline Credit and Number of Subscribers 1986-1993

| Year  | No. Subscribers<br>at Year End | Amount of<br>Credit |
|-------|--------------------------------|---------------------|
|       |                                |                     |
| 1986* | 4,520                          | \$ 98,108           |
| 1987  | 5,561                          | 191,332             |
| 1988  | 6,013                          | 210,932             |
| 1989  | 6,473                          | 225,392             |
| 1990  | 6,166                          | 247,064             |
| 1991  | 5,982                          | 219,464             |
| 1992  | 7,677                          | 232,166             |
| 1993  | 6,500                          | 257,062             |
| 1994  | 6,666                          | 247,579             |
| 1995  | 6,952                          | 266,713             |

<sup>\*</sup> In effect seven months.

# APPENDIX I STATISTICAL TABLES

TABLE 1

TAX CREDITS CLAIMED BY RESIDENTS BY TYPE OF CREDIT AND BY TAXATION DISTRICT - 1995

|                                 |                  |                  | ٦  | T A X A T I O N | DIS | TRICT     |                 |
|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------|----|-----------------|-----|-----------|-----------------|
| Type of Credit                  | STATE            | <br>First        |    | Second          |     | Third     | Fourth          |
| Renter's Credit                 | \$<br>7,097,900  | \$<br>5,394,450  | \$ | 708,450         | \$  | 737,650   | \$<br>257,350   |
| General Tax Credit              | 895,293          | 655,663          |    | 86,765          |     | 108,153   | 44,712          |
| Food Tax Credit                 | 24,663,474       | 18,050,256       |    | 2,425,599       |     | 2,968,299 | 1,219,320       |
| Nursing Facility Tax Credit     | 1,948,073        | 1,460,092        |    | 37,459          |     | 326,962   | 123,560         |
| Dependent Care Credit           | 7,017,200        | 5,254,701        |    | 631,189         |     | 891,190   | 240,120         |
| Energy Device Credit*           | 2,428,887        | 1,327,801        |    | 272,893         |     | 412,576   | 415,617         |
| Car Seat Credit                 | 79,900           | 57,400           |    | 5,875           |     | 12,575    | 4,050           |
| Capital Goods Excise Tax Credit | 1,462,518        | 827,524          |    | 542,159         |     | 39,368    | 53,467          |
| TOTAL                           | \$<br>45,593,245 | \$<br>33,027,887 | \$ | 4,710,389       | \$  | 5,496,773 | \$<br>2,358,196 |

<sup>\*</sup>Includes energy credit carried forward to 1995 for devices installed before 1995.

TABLE 2

NUMBER OF RESIDENT RETURNS CLAIMING TAX CREDITS BY TYPE OF CREDIT

AND BY TAXATION DISTRICT - 1995

|                                 |         |         | TAXATION | DISTRICT |        |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|----------|----------|--------|
| Type of Credit                  | STATE   | First   | Second   | Third    | Fourth |
| Renter's Credit                 | 77,190  | 59,139  | 7,600    | 7,818    | 2,633  |
| General Tax Credit              | 448,477 | 333,186 | 42,569   | 51,066   | 21,656 |
| Food Tax Credit                 | 452,620 | 336,138 | 43,214   | 51,521   | 21,747 |
| Nursing Facility Tax Credit     | 2,287   | 1,882   | 142      | 229      | 34     |
| Dependent Care Credit           | 23,855  | 17,712  | 2,273    | 2,799    | 1,071  |
| Energy Device Credit*           | 2,668   | 1,542   | 218      | 522      | 386    |
| Car Seat Credit                 | 3,196   | 2,296   | 235      | 503      | 162    |
| Capital Goods Excise Tax Credit | 2,210   | 1,485   | 333      | 193      | 199    |

<sup>\*</sup>Includes returns claiming credit in 1995 for devices installed before 1995.

TABLE 3

NUMBER OF RESIDENT RETURNS CLAIMING TAX CREDITS
BY SIZE OF CREDITS PER RETURN\* AND BY ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME - 1995

|            | -          |         | Total        |       |         | SIZ    | ZE OF  | TAX    | CREDI  | Т      |       |        |
|------------|------------|---------|--------------|-------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|
|            |            |         | Number of    |       | \$25    | \$50   | \$75   | \$100  | \$150  | \$200  | \$300 | \$400  |
|            | STED GR    |         | Returns      | Under | under   | under  | under  | under  | under  | under  | under | and    |
| INCO       | OME CLA    | SS      | with Credits | \$25  | \$50    | \$75   | \$100  | \$150  | \$200  | \$300  | \$400 | over   |
|            | Under \$   | 5,000   | 87,775       | 1,595 | 40,651  | 17,659 | 9,059  | 9,590  | 3,189  | 3,306  | 1,545 | 1,181  |
| \$ 5,000   | "          | 10,000  | 42,931       | 1,256 | 20,343  | 8,420  | 6,895  | 1,383  | 1,494  | 1,915  | 523   | 702    |
| 10,000     | "          | 15,000  | 40,237       | 1,208 | 16,297  | 7,533  | 8,275  | 1,477  | 2,229  | 1,581  | 808   | 829    |
| 15,000     | "          | 20,000  | 40,925       | 625   | 16,789  | 6,138  | 9,790  | 2,107  | 1,924  | 1,530  | 775   | 1,247  |
| 20,000     | "          | 25,000  | 40,378       | 731   | 15,977  | 6,029  | 9,198  | 2,581  | 1,952  | 1,354  | 1,517 | 1,039  |
| 25,000     | "          | 30,000  | 35,645       | 611   | 14,103  | 5,039  | 8,052  | 2,142  | 1,510  | 2,235  | 742   | 1,211  |
| 30,000     | "          | 35,000  | 27,383       | 631   | 13,487  | 5,208  | 3,118  | 3,415  | 305    | 374    | 259   | 586    |
| 35,000     | "          | 40,000  | 22,237       | 324   | 10,363  | 4,570  | 2,333  | 3,180  | 626    | 250    | 240   | 351    |
| 40,000     | "          | 45,000  | 18,576       | 116   | 7,271   | 3,683  | 2,718  | 2,911  | 580    | 527    | 84    | 686    |
| 45,000     | "          | 50,000  | 15,865       | 16    | 4,194   | 3,837  | 2,081  | 3,733  | 883    | 96     | 108   | 917    |
| 50,000     | "          | 75,000  | 51,784       | 590   | 8,968   | 14,149 | 6,849  | 12,060 | 2,947  | 1,480  | 999   | 3,742  |
| 75,000     | "          | 100,000 | 21,039       | 193   | 1,523   | 6,597  | 2,761  | 5,774  | 1,042  | 746    | 360   | 2,043  |
| 100,000    | "          | 150,000 | 11,548       | 153   | 883     | 3,696  | 1,737  | 3,008  | 403    | 463    | 125   | 1,080  |
| 150,000    | "          | 200,000 | 2,466        | 43    | 322     | 783    | 394    | 537    | 81     | 47     | 24    | 235    |
| 200,000    | and over   |         | 2,948        | 53    | 302     | 1,022  | 387    | 696    | 73     | 50     | 27    | 338    |
| TOTAL      |            |         | 461,737      | 8,145 | 171,473 | 94,363 | 73,647 | 54,594 | 19,238 | 15,954 | 8,136 | 16,187 |
| Percent of | of Total** |         | 100.0%       | 1.8%  | 37.1%   | 20.4%  | 15.9%  | 11.8%  | 4.2%   | 3.5%   | 1.8%  | 3.5%   |

<sup>\*</sup> Includes: General credit, food credit, rent credit, dependent care credit, energy device credits for devices installed before 1995 and in 1995, car seat credit, capital goods excise credit, and medical services excise credit.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Details may not add up to total due to rounding.

TABLE 4

NUMBER CLAIMING RENTER'S TAX CREDIT, NUMBER OF EXEMPTIONS, AND TAX CREDITS CLAIMED, BY ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME - 1995

| ADJUSTE    | D GROSS      | Number   | Numbe   | er of Exemptions | *      | Tax Credits     |
|------------|--------------|----------|---------|------------------|--------|-----------------|
| INCOME     | CLASS        | Claiming | Total   | Regular*         | Age*   | Claimed         |
| Und        | der \$ 1,000 | 12,882   | 27,573  | 20,750           | 6,823  | \$<br>1,302,350 |
| \$ 1,000 " | 3,000        | 3,871    | 8,188   | 6,823            | 1,365  | 361,800         |
| 3,000 "    | 5,000        | 3,646    | 6,662   | 5,584            | 1,078  | 318,050         |
| 5,000 "    | 7,000        | 4,016    | 7,037   | 6,395            | 642    | 319,300         |
| 7,000 "    | 9,000        | 3,874    | 8,392   | 7,105            | 1,287  | 395,450         |
| 9,000 "    | 11,000       | 3,613    | 6,334   | 5,881            | 453    | 311,600         |
| 11,000 "   | 13,000       | 4,932    | 9,542   | 8,874            | 668    | 465,000         |
| 13,000 "   | 15,000       | 4,315    | 8,269   | 7,063            | 1,206  | 395,900         |
| 15,000 "   | 17,000       | 4,046    | 7,705   | 6,870            | 835    | 366,900         |
| 17,000 "   | 20,000       | 8,861    | 15,252  | 14,742           | 510    | 702,200         |
| 20,000 "   | 25,000       | 11,573   | 22,388  | 22,013           | 375    | 1,088,550       |
| 25,000 "   | 30,000       | 11,561   | 22,094  | 21,451           | 643    | 1,070,800       |
| TOTAL      |              | 77,190   | 149,436 | 133,551          | 15,885 | \$<br>7,097,900 |

<sup>\*</sup> Reflects the number of personal exemptions for net income tax purpose only.

TABLE 5

TOTAL RESIDENT RETURNS FILED AND GENERAL INCOME TAX CREDITS CLAIMED BY ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME - 1995
STATEWIDE

|         |            |         | Total No.  |         | RETURNS     | WITH CREDIT |             | RETURNS WITH | HOUT CREDIT |
|---------|------------|---------|------------|---------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
|         | JSTED GR   |         | of Returns | No. of  | No. of      | Exemptions  | Amount of   | No. of       | Percent     |
| INC     | COME CLA   | SS      | Filed      | Returns | Exemptions* | per Return  | Tax Credits | Returns      | of Total    |
|         | Under \$   | 5,000   | 119,320    | 84,966  | 162,908     | 1.92        | \$ 134,670  | 34,354       | 28.79%      |
| \$ 5,00 | 0 "        | 10,000  | 55,088     | 41,366  | 76,023      | 1.84        | 64,138      | 13,722       | 24.91%      |
| 10,00   | 0 "        | 15,000  | 45,908     | 38,555  | 73,542      | 1.91        | 61,192      | 7,353        | 16.02%      |
| 15,00   | 0 "        | 20,000  | 43,517     | 39,774  | 74,684      | 1.88        | 63,556      | 3,743        | 8.60%       |
| 20,00   | 0 "        | 25,000  | 41,887     | 39,290  | 81,840      | 2.08        | 69,153      | 2,597        | 6.20%       |
| 25,00   | 0 "        | 30,000  | 37,085     | 34,240  | 66,236      | 1.93        | 59,257      | 2,845        | 7.67%       |
| 30,00   | 0 "        | 35,000  | 28,053     | 26,852  | 58,611      | 2.18        | 52,842      | 1,201        | 4.28%       |
| 35,00   | 0 "        | 40,000  | 23,028     | 21,371  | 51,576      | 2.41        | 45,756      | 1,657        | 7.20%       |
| 40,00   | 0 "        | 45,000  | 18,980     | 18,182  | 49,452      | 2.72        | 41,800      | 798          | 4.20%       |
| 45,00   | 0 "        | 50,000  | 16,401     | 15,459  | 50,037      | 3.24        | 41,344      | 942          | 5.74%       |
| 50,00   | 0 "        | 75,000  | 53,343     | 50,965  | 162,911     | 3.20        | 147,877     | 2,378        | 4.46%       |
| 75,00   | 0 "        | 100,000 | 21,297     | 20,695  | 70,618      | 3.41        | 64,065      | 602          | 2.83%       |
| 100,00  | 0 "        | 150,000 | 11,777     | 11,407  | 39,345      | 3.45        | 34,582      | 370          | 3.14%       |
| 150,00  | 0 "        | 200,000 | 2,502      | 2,450   | 8,116       | 3.31        | 6,908       | 52           | 2.08%       |
| 200,00  | 0 and over |         | 3,008      | 2,905   | 9,490       | 3.27        | 8,153       | 103          | 3.42%       |
| TOTAL   |            |         | 521,194    | 448,477 | 1,035,389   | 2.31        | 895,293     | 72,717       | 13.95%      |

<sup>\*</sup> Reflects the number of personal exemptions for net income tax purpose only.

TABLE 6

COMPARATIVE DATA ON RESIDENT RETURNS FILED,
SHOWING NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE CLAIMING THE GENERAL INCOME TAX CREDIT - 1995
STATEWIDE

|    | ADJUST    | ED GRC   | SS      | Numbe   | r of Returns | Filed  | Retu    | rns with Cred | dit    | % of Re | turns with | Credit |
|----|-----------|----------|---------|---------|--------------|--------|---------|---------------|--------|---------|------------|--------|
|    | INCON     | IE CLAS  | S       | Single* | Joint**      | H/H*** | Single* | Joint**       | H/H*** | Single* | Joint**    | H/H*** |
|    | Į         | Under \$ | 5,000   | 90,252  | 21,787       | 7,281  | 58,121  | 20,411        | 6,434  | 64.4%   | 93.7%      | 88.4%  |
| \$ | 5,000     | II .     | 10,000  | 37,750  | 13,430       | 3,908  | 25,521  | 12,115        | 3,730  | 67.6%   | 90.2%      | 95.4%  |
|    | 10,000    | II .     | 15,000  | 28,193  | 11,645       | 6,070  | 21,956  | 10,758        | 5,841  | 77.9%   | 92.4%      | 96.2%  |
|    | 15,000    | "        | 20,000  | 26,864  | 10,773       | 5,880  | 23,912  | 10,151        | 5,711  | 89.0%   | 94.2%      | 97.1%  |
|    | 20,000    | "        | 25,000  | 24,271  | 11,117       | 6,499  | 22,364  | 10,830        | 6,096  | 92.1%   | 97.4%      | 93.8%  |
|    | 25,000    | "        | 30,000  | 21,822  | 10,202       | 5,061  | 19,793  | 9,493         | 4,954  | 90.7%   | 93.1%      | 97.9%  |
|    | 30,000    | "        | 35,000  | 13,494  | 10,967       | 3,592  | 12,738  | 10,546        | 3,568  | 94.4%   | 96.2%      | 99.3%  |
|    | 35,000    | II .     | 40,000  | 11,091  | 9,879        | 2,058  | 10,007  | 9,451         | 1,913  | 90.2%   | 95.7%      | 93.0%  |
|    | 40,000    | "        | 45,000  | 7,486   | 9,771        | 1,723  | 7,167   | 9,302         | 1,713  | 95.7%   | 95.2%      | 99.4%  |
|    | 45,000    | "        | 50,000  | 4,392   | 10,824       | 1,185  | 4,086   | 10,301        | 1,072  | 93.0%   | 95.2%      | 90.5%  |
|    | 50,000    | II .     | 75,000  | 9,694   | 41,334       | 2,315  | 8,791   | 39,859        | 2,315  | 90.7%   | 96.4%      | 100.0% |
|    | 75,000    | "        | 100,000 | 1,807   | 19,088       | 402    | 1,658   | 18,635        | 402    | 91.8%   | 97.6%      | 100.0% |
|    | 100,000   | "        | 150,000 | 972     | 10,674       | 131    | 907     | 10,372        | 128    | 93.3%   | 97.2%      | 97.7%  |
|    | 150,000   | II .     | 200,000 | 326     | 2,111        | 65     | 317     | 2,073         | 60     | 97.2%   | 98.2%      | 92.3%  |
|    | 200,000 a | and over |         | 371     | 2,581        | 56     | 354     | 2,501         | 50     | 95.4%   | 96.9%      | 89.3%  |
| -  | TOTAL     |          |         | 278,785 | 196,183      | 46,226 | 217,692 | 186,798       | 43,987 | 78.1%   | 95.2%      | 95.2%  |

<sup>\*</sup> Includes married filing separately.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Includes qualified surviving spouse.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Head of Household

TABLE 7

COMPARATIVE DATA ON RESIDENT RETURNS,
SHOWING AMOUNT OF GENERAL INCOME TAX CREDIT AND AVERAGE CREDIT PER RETURN - 1995
STATEWIDE

| ADJUS           | TED GROSS | Amount of     | General | Income Tax C | redit Cla | aimed  | Average | Credit per Ret |
|-----------------|-----------|---------------|---------|--------------|-----------|--------|---------|----------------|
| INCC            | ME CLASS  | <br>Single*   |         | Joint**      |           | H/H*** | Single* | Joint**        |
| Under S         | 5,000     | \$<br>69,701  | \$      | 50,038       | \$        | 14,931 | \$1.20  | \$2.45         |
| \$<br>5,000 "   | 10,000    | 26,644        |         | 28,976       |           | 8,518  | 1.04    | 2.39           |
| 10,000 "        | 15,000    | 22,424        |         | 26,100       |           | 12,668 | 1.02    | 2.43           |
| 15,000 "        | 20,000    | 24,479        |         | 26,602       |           | 12,475 | 1.02    | 2.62           |
| 20,000 "        | 25,000    | 22,879        |         | 31,515       |           | 14,759 | 1.02    | 2.91           |
| 25,000 "        | 30,000    | 20,622        |         | 27,904       |           | 10,731 | 1.04    | 2.94           |
| 30,000 "        | 35,000    | 13,104        |         | 32,143       |           | 7,595  | 1.03    | 3.05           |
| 35,000 "        | 40,000    | 10,981        |         | 30,320       |           | 4,455  | 1.10    | 3.21           |
| 40,000 "        | 45,000    | 7,634         |         | 30,330       |           | 3,836  | 1.07    | 3.26           |
| 45,000 "        | 50,000    | 4,122         |         | 34,892       |           | 2,330  | 1.01    | 3.39           |
| 50,000 "        | 75,000    | 9,954         |         | 132,904      |           | 5,019  | 1.13    | 3.33           |
| 75,000 "        | 100,000   | 1,950         |         | 61,428       |           | 687    | 1.18    | 3.30           |
| 100,000 "       | 150,000   | 972           |         | 33,314       |           | 296    | 1.07    | 3.21           |
| 150,000 "       | 200,000   | 347           |         | 6,430        |           | 131    | 1.09    | 3.10           |
| 200,000 and ove | r         | 393           |         | 7,639        |           | 121    | 1.11    | 3.05           |
| TOTAL           |           | \$<br>236,206 | \$      | 560,535      | \$        | 98,552 | \$1.09  | \$3.00         |

<sup>\*</sup> Includes married filing separately.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Includes qualified surviving spouse.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Head of Household

TABLE 8

TOTAL RESIDENT RETURNS FILED AND FOOD TAX CREDITS CLAIMED BY ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME - 1995

|    |         |          |         | Total No.  |         | RETURNS     | WITH CREE  |    | RETURNS WITH | OUT CREDIT |          |
|----|---------|----------|---------|------------|---------|-------------|------------|----|--------------|------------|----------|
|    |         | TED GR   |         | of Returns | No. of  | No. of      | Exemptions |    | Amount of    | No. of     | Percent  |
|    | INCO    | ME CLA   | 55      | Filed      | Returns | Exemptions* | per Return |    | Tax Credits  | Returns    | of Total |
|    |         | Under \$ | 5,000   | 119,320    | 85,945  | 166,187     | 1.93       | \$ | 3,776,625    | 33,375     | 28.0%    |
| \$ | 5,000   | "        | 10,000  | 55,088     | 41,655  | 76,470      | 1.84       |    | 1,751,247    | 13,433     | 24.4%    |
|    | 10,000  | "        | 15,000  | 45,908     | 38,909  | 74,257      | 1.91       |    | 1,723,302    | 6,999      | 15.2%    |
|    | 15,000  | "        | 20,000  | 43,517     | 40,141  | 75,583      | 1.88       |    | 1,763,181    | 3,376      | 7.8%     |
|    | 20,000  | "        | 25,000  | 41,887     | 39,621  | 82,823      | 2.09       |    | 1,922,211    | 2,266      | 5.4%     |
|    | 25,000  | "        | 30,000  | 37,085     | 34,942  | 67,220      | 1.92       |    | 1,645,272    | 2,143      | 5.8%     |
|    | 30,000  | "        | 35,000  | 28,053     | 26,742  | 59,389      | 2.22       |    | 1,439,289    | 1,311      | 4.7%     |
|    | 35,000  | "        | 40,000  | 23,028     | 21,814  | 52,150      | 2.39       |    | 1,250,910    | 1,214      | 5.3%     |
|    | 40,000  | "        | 45,000  | 18,980     | 18,450  | 50,183      | 2.72       |    | 1,169,046    | 530        | 2.8%     |
|    | 45,000  | "        | 50,000  | 16,401     | 15,849  | 50,992      | 3.22       |    | 1,152,063    | 552        | 3.4%     |
|    | 50,000  | "        | 75,000  | 53,343     | 51,043  | 165,199     | 3.24       |    | 4,021,164    | 2,300      | 4.3%     |
|    | 75,000  | "        | 100,000 | 21,297     | 20,826  | 71,048      | 3.41       |    | 1,724,193    | 471        | 2.2%     |
|    | 100,000 | "        | 150,000 | 11,777     | 11,381  | 39,335      | 3.46       |    | 925,020      | 396        | 3.4%     |
|    | 150,000 | "        | 200,000 | 2,502      | 2,418   | 8,056       | 3.33       |    | 182,655      | 84         | 3.4%     |
| 2  | 200,000 | and over |         | 3,008      | 2,884   | 9,484       | 3.29       |    | 217,296      | 124        | 4.1%     |
| 1  | TOTAL   |          | ·       | 521,194    | 452,620 | 1,048,376   | 2.32       | \$ | 24,663,474   | 68,574     | 13.2%    |

<sup>\*</sup> Reflects the number of personal exemptions for net income tax purpose only.

TABLE 9

#### COMPARATIVE DATA ON RESIDENT RETURNS FILED, SHOWING NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE CLAIMING THE FOOD TAX CREDIT - 1995 STATEWIDE

| ADJUST      | ED GR        | OSS     | Numbe   | r of Returns | Filed  | Retu    | ırns with Cred | dit    | % of Returns with Credit |         |        |
|-------------|--------------|---------|---------|--------------|--------|---------|----------------|--------|--------------------------|---------|--------|
| <br>INCON   | INCOME CLASS |         |         | Joint**      | H/H*** | Single* | Joint**        | H/H*** | Single*                  | Joint** | H/H*** |
| I           | Under \$     | 5,000   | 90,252  | 21,787       | 7,281  | 58,589  | 20,579         | 6,777  | 64.9%                    | 94.5%   | 93.1%  |
| \$<br>5,000 | II .         | 10,000  | 37,750  | 13,430       | 3,908  | 25,633  | 12,215         | 3,807  | 67.9%                    | 91.0%   | 97.4%  |
| 10,000      | "            | 15,000  | 28,193  | 11,645       | 6,070  | 22,383  | 10,877         | 5,649  | 79.4%                    | 93.4%   | 93.1%  |
| 15,000      | "            | 20,000  | 26,864  | 10,773       | 5,880  | 24,273  | 10,151         | 5,717  | 90.4%                    | 94.2%   | 97.2%  |
| 20,000      | II .         | 25,000  | 24,271  | 11,117       | 6,499  | 22,711  | 10,895         | 6,015  | 93.6%                    | 98.0%   | 92.6%  |
| 25,000      | "            | 30,000  | 21,822  | 10,202       | 5,061  | 20,385  | 9,513          | 5,044  | 93.4%                    | 93.2%   | 99.7%  |
| 30,000      | II .         | 35,000  | 13,494  | 10,967       | 3,592  | 12,633  | 10,687         | 3,422  | 93.6%                    | 97.4%   | 95.3%  |
| 35,000      | II .         | 40,000  | 11,091  | 9,879        | 2,058  | 10,432  | 9,450          | 1,932  | 94.1%                    | 95.7%   | 93.9%  |
| 40,000      | "            | 45,000  | 7,486   | 9,771        | 1,723  | 7,299   | 9,428          | 1,723  | 97.5%                    | 96.5%   | 100.0% |
| 45,000      | II .         | 50,000  | 4,392   | 10,824       | 1,185  | 4,138   | 10,526         | 1,185  | 94.2%                    | 97.2%   | 100.0% |
| 50,000      | II .         | 75,000  | 9,694   | 41,334       | 2,315  | 8,828   | 39,916         | 2,299  | 91.1%                    | 96.6%   | 99.3%  |
| 75,000      | II .         | 100,000 | 1,807   | 19,088       | 402    | 1,678   | 18,746         | 402    | 92.9%                    | 98.2%   | 100.0% |
| 100,000     | II .         | 150,000 | 972     | 10,674       | 131    | 903     | 10,350         | 128    | 92.9%                    | 97.0%   | 97.7%  |
| 150,000     | II .         | 200,000 | 326     | 2,111        | 65     | 302     | 2,056          | 60     | 92.6%                    | 97.4%   | 92.3%  |
| <br>200,000 | and over     |         | 371     | 2,581        | 56     | 340     | 2,494          | 50     | 91.6%                    | 96.6%   | 89.3%  |
| TOTAL       |              |         | 278,785 | 196,183      | 46,226 | 220,527 | 187,883        | 44,210 | 79.1%                    | 95.8%   | 95.6%  |

<sup>\*</sup> Includes married filing separately.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Includes qualified surviving spouse.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Head of Household

TABLE 10

# TOTAL RESIDENT RETURNS FILED, QUALIFIED NURSING FACILITY EXPENSES, AND NURSING FACILITY TAX CREDIT CLAIMED BY ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME - 1995 STATEWIDE

| AD HIGTED ODOGO                |           | Number of |         | Returns Percent    |                | Qualified                | Tax               |       |                     | Average  |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|---------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-------|---------------------|----------|
| ADJUSTED GROSS<br>INCOME CLASS |           |           |         | Claiming<br>Credit | with<br>Credit | Nursing Fac.<br>Expenses | Credit<br>Claimed |       | Credit<br>per Retur |          |
|                                | Under     | \$ 1,000  | 56,961  | 529                | 0.9%           | \$ 6,919,849             | \$ 41             | 5,202 | \$                  | 784.88   |
| 1,000                          | 0 "       | 5,000     | 62,359  | 547                | 0.9%           | 10,860,647               | 65°               | 1,643 | •                   | 1,191.30 |
| 5,000                          | 0 "       | 10,000    | 55,088  | 185                | 0.3%           | 4,169,952                | 250               | 0,201 |                     | 1,352.44 |
| 10,000                         | 0 "       | 20,000    | 89,425  | 318                | 0.4%           | 1,678,096                | 100               | 0,689 |                     | 316.63   |
| 20,000                         | 0 "       | 30,000    | 78,972  | 139                | 0.2%           | 835,202                  | 50                | 0,114 |                     |          |
| 30,000                         | 0 "       | 50,000    | 86,462  | 276                | 0.3%           | 1,224,440                | 7:                | 3,467 |                     | 266.18   |
| 50,000                         | 0 and ove | er        | 91,927  | 293                | 0.3%           | 6,779,171                | 400               | 6,757 |                     | 1,388.25 |
| TOTAL                          | *         |           | 521,194 | 2,287              | 0.4%           | \$ 32,467,357            | \$ 1,948          | 3,073 | \$                  | 851.80   |

<sup>\*</sup> Details may not add up due to rounding.

TABLE 11

NUMBER CLAIMING DEPENDENT CARE TAX CREDIT, NUMBER OF QUALIFIED DEPENDENTS,
DEPENDENT CARE EXPENSES, EXPENSES ALLOWED, AND TAX CREDIT CLAIMED, BY ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME - 1995
STATEWIDE

|         | USTED G<br>COME CL |          | Number<br>Claiming | Number of<br>Qualified<br>Dependents | Depender<br>Care<br>Expenses | Expenses        | Tax Credit<br>Claimed |
|---------|--------------------|----------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
|         | Under              | \$ 5,000 | 59                 | 84                                   | \$ 78,08                     | 81 \$ 78,08     | 1 \$ 19,531           |
| \$ 5,00 | 00 "               | 10,000   | 633                | 633                                  | 707,3                        | 93 707,39       | 3 176,960             |
| 10,00   | 00 "               | 15,000   | 689                | 980                                  | 1,227,5                      | 74 1,227,57     | 4 306,901             |
| 15,00   | 00 "               | 20,000   | 1,204              | 1,468                                | 2,337,5                      | 29 2,308,37     | 7 577,195             |
| 20,00   | 00 "               | 25,000   | 1,657              | 2,024                                | 2,694,7                      | 61 2,694,76     | 1 648,683             |
| 25,00   | 00 "               | 30,000   | 965                | 1,015                                | 1,704,9                      | 05 1,704,90     | 5 378,050             |
| 30,00   | 00 "               | 35,000   | 1,119              | 1,444                                | 1,949,4                      | 1,923,70        | 1 368,487             |
| 35,00   | 00 "               | 40,000   | 1,130              | 1,338                                | 1,523,4                      | 1,487,40        | 7 253,469             |
| 40,00   | 00 "               | 45,000   | 1,105              | 1,377                                | 1,816,0                      | 24 1,816,02     | 4 272,490             |
| 45,00   | 00 "               | 50,000   | 1,363              | 1,564                                | 2,272,3                      | 25 2,191,76     | 5 328,874             |
| 50,00   | 00 "               | 75,000   | 8,011              | 10,654                               | 14,492,5                     | 28 13,743,73    | 2 2,062,423           |
| 75,00   | 00 "               | 100,000  | 3,577              | 4,455                                | 6,188,9                      | 45 5,883,82     | 1 883,038             |
| 100,00  | 00 "               | 150,000  | 1,840              | 2,540                                | 4,374,18                     | 3,764,69        | 8 564,892             |
| 150,00  | 00 "               | 200,000  | 251                | 350                                  | 609,5                        | 42 605,54       | 2 90,866              |
| 200,00  | 00 and ove         | er       | 252                | 335                                  | 591,4                        | 20 568,82       | 0 85,341              |
| TOTAL   | _                  |          | 23,855             | 30,261                               | \$ 42,568,0                  | 69 \$ 40,706,60 | 1 \$ 7,017,200        |

TABLE 12

NUMBER CLAIMING DEPENDENT CARE TAX CREDITS BY ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME AND BY EXPENSES ALLOWED - 1995
STATEWIDE

|                |                |       |          |          | ADJUSTED | GROSS     | INCOME   |           |
|----------------|----------------|-------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| ALLC           | ALLOWABLE      |       |          |          | \$15,000 | \$30,000  | \$50,000 | \$100,000 |
| DEPENDENT CARE |                |       |          | Under    | under    | under     | under    | and       |
| EXP            | EXPENSES TOTAL |       | \$15,000 | \$30,000 | \$50,000 | \$100,000 | over     |           |
| U              | Jnder \$       | 500   | 5,497    | 122      | 745      | 1,070     | 3,094    | 466       |
| \$ 500         | "              | 1,000 | 3,338    | 408      | 190      | 1,022     | 1,390    | 328       |
| 1,000          | "              | 1,500 | 2,658    | 301      | 530      | 336       | 1,290    | 201       |
| 1,500          | "              | 2,000 | 2,645    | 142      | 767      | 527       | 1,079    | 130       |
| 2,000          | II .           | 2,500 | 5,653    | 352      | 954      | 1,239     | 2,516    | 592       |
| 2,500          | II .           | 3,000 | 753      |          | 213      | 67        | 425      | 48        |
| 3,000          | "              | 3,500 | 1,079    | 29       | 223      | 63        | 716      | 48        |
| 3,500          | ıı             | 4,000 | 344      |          |          | 128       | 181      | 35        |
| 4,000          | ıı             | 4,500 | 337      | 22       | 82       | 55        | 144      | 34        |
| 4,500 an       | nd over        |       | 1,551    | 5        | 122      | 210       | 753      | 461       |
| TOTAL          |                |       | 23,855   | 1,381    | 3,826    | 4,717     | 11,588   | 2,343     |
|                |                |       |          | 1,381    | 3,826    | 4,717     | 11,588   | 2,343     |

TABLE 13

NUMBER CLAIMING CAPITAL GOODS EXCISE TAX CREDIT, AMOUNT OF CAPITAL ASSETS PURCHASED, BUSINESS PROFIT OR LOSS, AND TAX CREDIT CLAIMED - 1995 STATEWIDE

|           | ADJUSTED GROSS<br>INCOME CLASS |         |       | Amount of<br>Qualified<br>Purchases |    | Business<br>Profit or<br>(Loss) |    | Tax Credit<br>Claimed |  |
|-----------|--------------------------------|---------|-------|-------------------------------------|----|---------------------------------|----|-----------------------|--|
|           | Under \$ 10,000                |         | 332   | \$<br>2,649,325                     | \$ | (7,164,093)                     | \$ | 105,973               |  |
| \$ 10,000 | 11                             | 20,000  | 159   | 1,273,450                           |    | 381,410                         |    | 50,938                |  |
| 20,000    | 11                             | 30,000  | 245   | 3,095,850                           |    | 1,073,596                       |    | 123,834               |  |
| 30,000    | "                              | 40,000  | 113   | 884,100                             |    | 162,560                         |    | 35,364                |  |
| 40,000    | "                              | 50,000  | 270   | 1,095,975                           |    | 1,421,825                       |    | 43,839                |  |
| 50,000    | "                              | 75,000  | 228   | 9,730,750                           |    | 2,764,359                       |    | 389,230               |  |
| 75,000    | 11                             | 100,000 | 251   | 1,041,875                           |    | 2,057,533                       |    | 41,675                |  |
| 100,000   | "                              | 150,000 | 242   | 3,948,000                           |    | 12,604,308                      |    | 157,920               |  |
| 150,000   | "                              | 200,000 | 136   | 1,500,525                           |    | 11,599,392                      |    | 60,021                |  |
| 200,000   | and over                       |         | 234   | 11,343,100                          |    | 88,556,280                      |    | 453,724               |  |
| TOTAL     |                                |         | 2,210 | \$<br>36,562,950                    | \$ | 113,457,170                     | \$ | 1,462,518             |  |

### **APPENDIX II**

# FACSIMILES OF N-12 AND N-13 TAX RETURNS AND TAX CREDIT FORMS

# The following are links to the forms on our website:

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FORM N-12

FORM N-13

SCHEDULE X
TAX CREDITS FOR HAWAII RESIDENTS

FORM N-157 CREDIT FOR ENERGY CONSERVATION

FORM N-312 CAPITAL GOODS EXCISE TAX CREDIT

FORM N-312/N-312A
INSTRUCTIONS FOR FORM N-312/N-312A
CAPITAL GOODS EXCISE TAX CREDIT