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## NEW TAX APPEALS PROGRAM LAUNCHED

HONOLULU – The Department of Taxation (DOTAX) is pleased to launch a new Administrative Appeals and Dispute Resolution (AADR) program. AADR is a streamlined process to appeal a proposed, final, or return preparer penalty assessment issued as a result of a DOTAX audit.

The Administrative Appeals Office is responsible for administering the AADR program and will serve as a neutral intermediary to help parties quickly and fairly resolve tax disputes without litigation. The Administrative Appeals Office is an independent body within DOTAX, headed by an Administrative Appeals Officer, who reports directly to the Director of Taxation.

Some of the program benefits are:

- Simple application process
- Fair and neutral evaluation of tax disputes
- Timely resolution
- Quicker and less costly alternative to litigation
- No cost to apply for program

Effective today, the Administrative Appeals Office is accepting appeal applications. Applications and additional information about the AADR program are available at:  
<http://tax.hawaii.gov/appeals/>

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