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INCOME TAX FILING SEASON INFORMATION

HONOLULU—The State Department of Taxation began mailing out the 2005 Hawaii income tax form and instruction packages to individual Hawaii taxpayers last week.

Resident taxpayers will receive the package for the same form they filed for the 2004 tax year unless they checked the box to request only a mailing label. Mailing labels will be sent in a postcard-sized mailing. Nonresident taxpayers will receive a nonresident form and instruction package only if one was requested on their 2004 tax return.

Important changes listed on the inside cover of the instruction booklets include the following:

- Forms N-11 and N-15, and Schedule CR have been redesigned for electronic scanning that permits faster processing with fewer errors.
- Federal Form 4868, Application for Automatic Extension of Time to File U.S. Individual Income Tax Return may **not** be used in lieu of Hawaii Form N-101A, and federal Form 2688, Application for Additional Extension of Time to File U.S. Individual Income Tax Return may **not** be used in lieu of Hawaii Form N-101B.

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- Adopts the federal provisions relating to the uniform definition of a qualifying child; state and local general sales tax deduction; extension of the deduction for certain expenses of educators; new deduction for costs involving discrimination suits; and deduction for charitable cash contributions for the relief of victims of the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami.
- Contribution of \$5 (\$10 if filing a joint return and your spouse wants to contribute) may be made to the Hawaii children's trust fund, the domestic violence and sexual assault special fund, and the spouse and child abuse special accounts.

Taxpayers are urged to start gathering their tax records so that they have enough time to obtain all forms and documents needed to accurately file their income tax return by the April 20, 2006, filing deadline.

The Department of Taxation provides a number of services to taxpayers needing tax forms, information, and assistance:

- **www.hawaii.gov/tax** – The department's website is a convenient way for taxpayers to obtain Hawai'i tax forms and other information. Forms for the 2005 tax year with writable fields that allow users to type in their entries before printing have already been posted, and a search feature helps taxpayers find specific information.
- **2005 Hawai'i Tax Information CD** – Available in late February at a cost of \$10, this CD will contain the 2005 tax forms with writable fields, Tax Information Releases, Announcements, Tax Facts, brochures, and more.
- **Forms by Fax/Mail Service** – Taxpayers may request state tax forms and publications 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. All forms and publications can be mailed to the requestors; selected forms can be faxed. On O'ahu, call 587-7572. From the neighbor islands, continental U.S., and Canada, call toll-free at 1-800-222-7572. (IMPORTANT: This telephone number is for form and publication requests only. Do NOT call this number for tax information or assistance.)

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- **One-Stop Taxpayer Services** – For individual assistance Mondays through Fridays (except State holidays) from 7:45 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., taxpayers statewide should call the O‘ahu Taxpayer Services Branch at 587-4242, or toll-free at 1-800-222-3229. Taxpayers who are hearing impaired should call 587-1418, or toll-free at 1-800-887-8974, for assistance. Generally, the best times to call are between 7:45 A.M. to 9:00 A.M., and 3:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. Requests for general information and assistance (not confidential tax return or account information) may also be e-mailed to Taxpayer.Services@hawaii.gov. On O‘ahu, the most commonly requested forms and instruction packages are also available after hours on shelves located outside the Punchbowl Street entrance to the Princess Ruth Ke‘elikōlani Building.
- **District Tax Offices** – Hawai‘i tax forms, publications and assistance are available 7:45 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. during business hours at all district tax offices.

Free tax preparation services are available for those filing the Hawai‘i resident short form, Form N-13, through April 20, 2006. This limited service is available at all district tax offices on a first-come, first-served basis, Mondays through Fridays (except State holidays), from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

DISTRICT TAX OFFICE LOCATIONS

O‘AHU DISTRICT OFFICE
Princess Ruth Ke‘elikōlani Building
830 Punchbowl Street
Honolulu, HI 96813-5094

MAUI DISTRICT OFFICE
State Office Building
54 S. High Street, #208
Wailuku, HI 96793-2198

HAWAI‘I DISTRICT OFFICE
State Office Building
75 Aupuni Street, #101
Hilo, HI 96720-4245

KAUA‘I DISTRICT OFFICE
State Office Building
3060 ‘Eiwa Street, #105
Līhu‘e, HI 96766-1889

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