



**DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION**  
*Ka 'Oihana 'Auhau*

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**Hawai'i Department of Taxation Warns Taxpayers**  
**Regarding "Loan Transfer" Scam**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

September 27, 2023

HONOLULU – The Hawai'i Department of Taxation (Department) is cautioning taxpayers about recent scam activity in Hawai'i claiming to come from the Department.

A Hawai'i taxpayer reported receiving a letter asking the recipient to clear a wire transfer fee to receive a loan in a checking account. People in other states have also received similar fake messages relating to advance fee loans. These are not official letters, calls or emails from the State of Hawai'i Department of Taxation, which does not authorize loan clearances or approve bank wire transfers.

If you receive such a correspondence, it is a scam. Do not click on any link, open an attachment, call the phone number, or provide money in any form (wire transfer, money order, etc.) in response to such a letter.

If you have any questions or would like to confirm the legitimacy of any tax notice, you should contact the Department directly using contact information listed on its website:

<https://tax.hawaii.gov/contact/>



**STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION  
Ka 'Oihana 'Auhau**

**TRANSFER LIMIT APPROVAL**

(State To State Loan Transfer)

Loan Receiver: Mr. [REDACTED]  
Loan Sender: Advance America LLC  
Date Of Funding: September '26, 2023.

We have approved the bank transfer limit for your loan funding amount of \$37,156 which will be available in your [REDACTED] BANK checking account [REDACTED].

The total funding amount is under the verification with the state government department in the state of Hawaii. Due to the low credit limit, we are unable to release the transaction for \$20,000. We have approved the transfer limit for wire transfer up to \$14,000 per transaction according to your credit limit. Hawaii Department Of Taxation is approving your bank wire transfer into three transfer amount of \$14,000, \$14,000 & \$10,656 respectively in order to deposit the total amount of \$38,656.00.

Kindly verify the pending verifications for the third transaction in order to authorize your loan transfer deposit into three parts.

\*Wire Transfer Fee for 3<sup>rd</sup> Deposit- \$1,500 [per transaction fee]  
Negotiated Fee- \$500  
Payable Fee- \$1,000

**Approved Disbursement Amount- \$38,656.00**

Note- (Your funds have been already released from the sender's business account in order to authorize your funds. Kindly clear the wire transfer fee for 3<sup>rd</sup> transaction amount of \$1,000.00 to assure your loan amount within 60-90 minutes in your checking account in order to authorize the clearance of your loan from Hawaii: Department Of Taxation.).

(You will receive a return of \$1,857 in the upcoming taxation year 2023-2024 on April 7, 2024 by the Hawaii Department Of Taxation)

**Receiver's Signature:**

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**Approved By:**

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