

HAWAII YOUTH & GOVERNMENT LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE  
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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLE  
SAMPLE SCHOOL/YMCA  
REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO BLOOD DONATION INCENTIVES

BE IT ENACTED BY THE YMCA YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to increase blood donations throughout the State of Hawaii by encouraging partnerships between local businesses and recognized blood collection organizations. Hawaii regularly experiences blood shortages that may affect emergency medical care, surgeries, and other health services. This Act establishes a tax credit program for eligible small businesses that host qualifying community blood drives.

SECTION 2. For the purposes of this Act:

"Small business" means a business entity operating within the State of Hawaii with fifty or fewer employees.

"Recognized blood collection organization" means a blood bank, hospital, or nonprofit organization authorized to collect blood donations within the State of Hawaii.

"Qualifying blood drive" means a blood donation event conducted in partnership with a recognized blood collection organization and attended by at least twenty-five participants.

"Operational costs" means reasonable expenses directly associated with hosting a qualifying blood drive, including facility costs, promotional materials, and event support expenses.

SECTION 3. Establishment of the Hawaii Community Blood Drive Initiative.

(a) The Department of Taxation shall establish and administer the Hawai'i Community Blood Drive Initiative.

(b) Eligible small businesses may apply to participate in the initiative.

(c) Participating businesses shall be authorized to host qualifying blood drives in partnership with recognized blood collection organizations.

(d) To remain eligible for program benefits, participating businesses shall host at least one qualifying blood drive per calendar year.

#### SECTION 4. Tax Credit.

(a) Participating businesses shall be eligible for a state income tax credit equal to ten percent of documented operational costs associated with qualifying blood drives.

(b) The maximum annual tax credit shall not exceed \$5,000 per business.

(c) Businesses seeking a tax credit shall submit documentation of expenses and participation records to the Department of Taxation.

#### SECTION 5. Reporting Requirements.

(a) Participating businesses shall submit an annual report containing:

The number of blood drives conducted;

The number of blood donors participating;

Total operational costs incurred;

Community outreach activities conducted.

(b) The Department of Taxation shall maintain records of participating businesses and tax credits awarded under this Act.

#### SECTION 6. Enforcement.

(a) Any business found to have knowingly submitted false information under this Act shall forfeit eligibility for program benefits.

(b) Any tax credit improperly awarded shall be repaid to the State.

(c) The Department of Taxation may conduct audits to ensure compliance with this Act.

#### SECTION 7. Funding.

The legislature shall appropriate \$250,000 annually to support the administration of the Hawai'i Community Blood Drive Initiative.

SECTION 8. Effective Date.

This Act shall take effect upon approval.