

HB 1495

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SUBJECT: INCOME, Repeal deduction for wagering losses

BILL NUMBER: HB 1495, HD-1

INTRODUCED BY: House Committee on Finance

BRIEF SUMMARY: Amends HRS section 235-2.4(e) to provide that IRC section 165(d) (with respect to wagering losses) shall not be operative for Hawaii income tax purposes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2020 applicable to tax years beginning after December 31, 2009

EFFECTIVE DATE: It appears that this measure is proposed to generate additional funds to address the state's financial crisis. While the adoption of this measure would prohibit Hawaii taxpayers from deducting their "gambling" losses, it is questionable whether the amount of revenue generated from its enactment will result in a windfall. The adoption of this measure would run contrary to the state's intent to conform to the federal Internal Revenue Code provisions.

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