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DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION ANNOUNCEMENT NO. 2009-15

RE: Act 40, Session Laws of Hawaii 2009, Relating to the Rate of Interest Applicable to Overpayments of Tax.

On May 5, 2009, Governor Linda Lingle signed Senate Bill 1327 SD1 HD1 into law as Act 40.

The Act reduces the rate of interest owed by the State in circumstances where interest is allowed for overpayments of tax. The rate is reduced from two-thirds of one percent for each month or fraction thereof (8% per year) to one-third of one percent for each month or fraction thereof (4% per year).

This Act took effect upon approval, and applies to claims for refund made on or after January 1, 2009.

For more information on this Act, please contact the Rules Office at 808-587-1577.

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