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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FUEL TAX.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 Section 243-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is SECTION 1. 2 amended by amending subsections (a) and (b) to read as follows: 3 "(a) Every distributor [shall], in addition to any other 4 taxes provided by law, shall pay a license tax to the department 5 of taxation for each gallon of liquid fuel refined, 6 manufactured, produced, or compounded by the distributor and 7 sold or used by the distributor in the State or imported by the 8 distributor, or acquired by the distributor from persons who are 9 not licensed distributors, and sold or used by the distributor 10 in the State. Any person who sells or uses any liquid fuel 11 knowing that the distributor from whom it was originally purchased has not paid and is not paying the tax thereon shall 12 13 pay such tax as would have applied to such sale or use by the 14 distributor. The rates of tax hereby imposed are as follows: 15 For each gallon of diesel oil, 1 cent; (1)For each gallon of qasoline or other aviation fuel 16 (2)17 sold for use in or used for airplanes, 1 cent;

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For each gallon of liquid fuel other than fuel 1 (3)mentioned in paragraphs (1) and (2), and other than an 2 alternative fuel, sold or used in the city and county 3 of Honolulu, or sold in any county for ultimate use in 4 the city and county of Honolulu, [16] cents state 5 6 tax, and in addition thereto such amount, to be known as the "city and county of Honolulu fuel tax", as 7 shall be levied pursuant to section 243-5; 8 For each gallon of liquid fuel other than fuel (4)9 mentioned in paragraphs (1) and (2), and other than an 10 alternative fuel, sold or used in the county of 11 Hawaii, or sold in any county for ultimate use in the 12 county of Hawaii, [16] ____ cents state tax, and in 13 addition thereto such amount, to be known as the 14 "county of Hawaii fuel tax", as shall be levied 15 pursuant to section 243-5; 16 For each gallon of liquid fuel other than fuel 17 (5)mentioned in paragraphs (1) and (2), and other than an 18 alternative fuel, sold or used in the county of Maui, 19 or sold in any county for ultimate use in the county 20 of Maui, [16] _____ cents state tax, and in addition 21 thereto such amount, to be known as the "county of 22

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1 Maui fuel tax", as shall be levied pursuant to section 2 243-5; and 3 For each gallon of liquid fuel other than fuel (6) mentioned in paragraphs (1) and (2), and other than an 4 5 alternative fuel, sold or used in the county of Kauai, or sold in any county for ultimate use in the county 6 of Kauai, [16] cents state tax, and in addition 7 thereto such amount, to be known as the "county of 8 9 Kauai fuel tax", as shall be levied pursuant to 10 section 243-5.

11 If it is shown to the satisfaction of the department, based 12 upon proper records and from such other evidence as the 13 department may require, that liquid fuel other than fuel 14 mentioned in paragraphs (1) and (2) is used for agricultural 15 equipment that does not operate upon the public highways of the 16 State, the user thereof may obtain a refund of all taxes thereon imposed by this section in excess of 1 cent per gallon. 17 The 18 department shall adopt rules to administer such refunds.

(b) Every distributor of diesel oil, in addition to the
tax required by subsection (a), shall pay a license tax to the
department for each gallon of such diesel oil sold or used by
the distributor for operating a motor vehicle or motor vehicles

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upon public highways of the State. The rates of the additional 1 2 tax hereby imposed are as follows: 3 For each gallon of diesel oil sold or used in the city (1)and county of Honolulu, or sold in any other county 4 5 for ultimate use in the city and county of Honolulu, [15] cents state tax, and in addition thereto such 6 7 amount, to be known as the "city and county of 8 Honolulu fuel tax", as shall be levied pursuant to 9 section 243-5; For each gallon of diesel oil sold or used in the 10 (2)11 county of Hawaii, or sold in any other county for 12 ultimate use in the county of Hawaii, [15] cents 13 state tax, and in addition thereto such amount, to be 14 known as the "county of Hawaii fuel tax", as shall be 15 levied pursuant to section 243-5; 16 (3) For each gallon of diesel oil sold or used in the 17 county of Maui, or sold in any other county for 18 ultimate use in the county of Maui, [15] cents 19 state tax, and in addition thereto such amount, to be known as the "county of Maui fuel tax", as shall be 20 21 levied pursuant to section 243-5; and

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(4) For each gallon of diesel oil sold or used in the
 county of Kauai, or sold in any other county for
 ultimate use in the county of Kauai, [15] _____ cents
 state tax, and in addition thereto such amount, to be
 known as the "county of Kauai fuel tax", as shall be
 levied pursuant to section 243-5.

If any user of diesel oil furnishes a certificate, in such 7 8 form as the department shall prescribe, to the distributor, or the distributor who uses diesel oil signs such certificate, 9 10 certifying that the diesel oil is for use in operating a motor 11 vehicle or motor vehicles in areas other than upon the public 12 highways of the State, the tax as provided in paragraphs (1) to 13 (4) shall not be applicable. In the event a certificate is not or cannot be furnished and the diesel oil is in fact for use for 14 15 operating a motor vehicle or motor vehicles in areas other than 16 upon public highways of the State, the user thereof may obtain a 17 refund of all taxes thereon imposed by the foregoing paragraphs. 18 The department shall adopt rules to administer the refunding of 19 such taxes."

20 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed21 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval. 2 INTRODUCED BY:

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Report Title: Fuel Tax

Description: Reduces state fuel tax rate.