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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLES.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that it is in the best  
2 interest of the State to support the development and widespread  
3 consumer acceptance of electric vehicles within the State. The  
4 legislature further finds that the growth in use of electric  
5 vehicles in the State will attain significant reductions in air  
6 pollution, improve energy efficiency in transportation, and  
7 reduce the State's dependence on imported oil or petroleum  
8 products. The legislature further finds that exempting electric  
9 vehicles from various requirements applicable to conventional,  
10 internal combustion engine-powered vehicles may encourage  
11 operators to choose electric vehicles.

12           Act 290, Session Laws of Hawaii 1997, directed the  
13 department of transportation to establish and issue a special  
14 license plate to identify electric vehicles, and exempted  
15 vehicles bearing the license plate from the payment of certain  
16 parking fees and high occupancy vehicle traffic restrictions.  
17 In addition, Act 290 waived the motor vehicle registration fee



1 and any license plate issuance fees for electric vehicles in the  
2 State.

3 The legislature finds that the provisions of Act 290,  
4 Session Laws of Hawaii 1997, encourage the use of electric  
5 vehicles in the State and advance the State's policy of  
6 supporting the development and widespread consumer acceptance of  
7 electric vehicles within the State. The legislature therefore  
8 finds that these incentives should be established permanently.

9 The purpose of this Act is to promote the use of electric  
10 vehicle in the State by exempting those vehicles from parking  
11 fees, high occupancy vehicle restrictions, and motor vehicle  
12 registration and licensing fees.

13 SECTION 2. Chapter 286, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
14 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
15 and to read as follows:

16 **"§286- Electric vehicles; registration and fees. (a)**

17 The department of transportation shall:

- 18 (1) Establish and adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91 for  
19 the registration of an electric vehicle in this State;  
20 and



1       (2) Establish and issue a special license plate to  
2               designate that the vehicle to which the license plate  
3               is affixed is an electric vehicle.

4       (b) An electric vehicle on which a license plate issued  
5 pursuant to subsection (a) is affixed shall be exempt from:

6       (1) The payment of parking fees, including those collected  
7               through parking meters, charged by any governmental  
8               authority, other than a branch of the federal  
9               government, when being operated in this State; and

10       (2) High occupancy vehicle restrictions or other traffic  
11               control measures.

12       (c) The motor vehicle registration fee, if any, assessed  
13 upon the registration of an electric vehicle in this State  
14 pursuant to section 286-47, including any fees associated with  
15 the issuance of license plate pursuant to subsection (a), shall  
16 be waived."

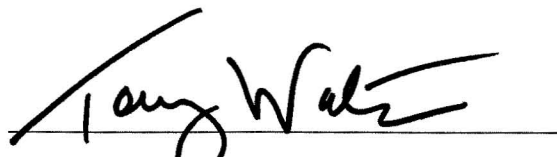
17       SECTION 3. Act 290, Session Laws of Hawaii 1997, is  
18 repealed.

19       SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

20       SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

Electric Vehicles; Incentives

**Description:**

Requires the department of transportation to adopt rules for the registration of electric vehicles and to issue special license plates for electric vehicles. Waives parking fees, high occupancy vehicle restrictions, and vehicle registration fees for electric vehicles.

