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

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



1 The legislature further finds that the provisions of Act
2 290 encourage the use of electric vehicles and advance the
3 State's policy of supporting the development and widespread
4 consumer acceptance of electric vehicles within the state;
5 however, these incentives should be reviewed every five years.

6 The purpose of this Act is to promote the use of electric
7 vehicles in the state by exempting those vehicles from parking
8 fees, high occupancy vehicle lane restrictions, and motor
9 vehicle registration and licensing fees.

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

13 "§286- **Electric vehicles; registration and fees.** (a)

14 The department of transportation shall:

- 15 (1) Establish and adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91 for
16 the registration of an electric vehicle in this state;
17 (2) Establish and issue a special license plate to
18 designate that the vehicle to which the license plate
19 is affixed is an electric vehicle; and
20 (3) Review the effectiveness of this section to promote
21 the use of electric vehicles and report to the
22 legislature every five years beginning at least twenty



1 days prior to the convening of the regular session of
2 2013.

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

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

9 (2) High occupancy vehicle lane restrictions.

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

15 (d) For purposes of this section, an "electric vehicle"
16 shall not include a "neighborhood electric vehicle" as defined
17 in section 291C-1."

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

20 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

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



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. (HB2330 HD1)

