
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 to reach the Hawaii
2 clean energy initiative's goal in transportation, Hawaii must
3 deploy a significant number of electric drive vehicles and
4 create an electric vehicle charging infrastructure. To
5 encourage the widespread availability of electric vehicles and
6 the creation of a vehicle charging infrastructure in Hawaii, it
7 is necessary to attract the attention of automakers to encourage
8 them to make electric vehicles available in Hawaii and encourage
9 Hawaii consumers and vehicle dealers to select these vehicles.
10 The transformation to a clean energy economy will reduce the
11 impact on Hawaii of oil price volatility, provide a measure of
12 energy security, provide economic diversification, and keep
13 energy dollars circulating within Hawaii's economy.

14 The purpose of this Act is to encourage the deployment of
15 electric vehicles in the State by exempting electric vehicles
16 and electric vehicle charging systems from the general excise
17 tax.



1 SECTION 2. Section 237-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding three new definitions to be appropriately
3 inserted and to read as follows:

4 "Electric vehicle" means a motor vehicle, including a
5 plug-in hybrid electric vehicle that:

- 6 (1) Draws propulsion using a traction battery with at
7 least four kilowatt hours of capacity;
8 (2) Uses an off-board source of energy to recharge the
9 battery;
10 (3) Is originally used by the taxpayer; and
11 (4) Is acquired for use or lease by the taxpayer and not
12 for resale.

13 "Electric vehicle charge point" means the part of the
14 electric vehicle charging system that delivers electricity from
15 a source outside an electric vehicle into an electric vehicle.

16 "Electric vehicle charging system" means a system that is
17 designed in compliance with Article 625 of the National
18 Electrical Code and delivers electricity from a source outside
19 an electric vehicle into one or more electric vehicles. An
20 electric vehicle charging system may include several charge
21 points simultaneously connecting several electric vehicles to
22 the system. The cost of the electric vehicle charging system



1 includes all costs to acquire, construct, and install the
2 electric vehicle charging system that are required to be
3 capitalized to the electric vehicle charging system under
4 section 263 of the Internal Revenue Code. The cost of the
5 electric vehicle charging system does not include costs that are
6 properly allocable to land or to a building and its structural
7 components, including, but not limited to costs related to the
8 acquisition of land on which the electric vehicle charging
9 system is located, and expenses for permits, legal fees, project
10 management, or engineering to the extent those expenses are
11 related to the land."

12 SECTION 3. Chapter 237, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
13 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
14 and to read as follows:

15 "§237- Exemption of sale or lease of certain vehicles
16 and infrastructure. (a) There shall be exempted from the
17 measure of the taxes imposed by this chapter all of the gross
18 proceeds arising from the sale or lease of electric vehicles and
19 electric vehicle charging systems purchased or placed in service
20 after July 1, 2015, and before January 1, 2020."

21 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.



1 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015;
2 provided that this Act shall be repealed on January 1, 2020, and
3 section 237-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall be reenacted in
4 the form in which it read on the day before the effective date
5 of this Act.



Report Title:

General Excise Tax; Electric Vehicles; Exemption

Description:

Exempts electric vehicles and electric vehicle charging systems from the general excise tax from 07/01/2015 to before 01/01/2020. (SD1)

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