

JAN 21 2010

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 realize the significant deployment of electric drive vehicles
4 and electric vehicle charging infrastructure. To encourage
5 widespread availability of electric vehicles and charging
6 infrastructure, it is necessary to attract the attention of
7 automakers, encouraging them to direct electric vehicles to
8 Hawaii, and to encourage Hawaii consumers and vehicle dealers to
9 select these vehicles. The transformation to a clean energy
10 economy will reduce negative impacts on Hawaii of oil price
11 volatility, provide a measure of energy security, provide
12 economic diversification, and keep energy dollars circulating
13 within Hawaii's economy.

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

6 (1) Which draws propulsion using a traction battery with
7 at least four kilowatt hours of capacity;

8 (2) Which uses an off-board source of energy to recharge
9 the battery;

10 (3) The original use of which commences with the taxpayer;
11 and

12 (4) Which is acquired for use or lease by the taxpayer and
13 not for resale.

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

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



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

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

16 "§237- Exemption of sale or lease of certain vehicles
17 and infrastructure. (a) There shall be exempted from the
18 measure of the taxes imposed by this chapter all of the gross
19 proceeds arising from the sale or lease of electric vehicles and
20 electric vehicle charging systems purchased or placed in service
21 after July 1, 2010, and before January 1, 2020."

22 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.



S.B. NO. 2231

1 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2010;
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.

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Report Title:

General Excise Tax; Electric Vehicles; Exemption

Description:

Exempts electric vehicles and electric vehicle charging systems from the general excise tax from July 1, 2010, to before January 1, 2020.

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