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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 purpose of this Act is to accommodate the  
2 needs of drivers of electric vehicles while also curbing the  
3 potential for misuse of free parking privileges for the drivers  
4 of those vehicles.

5           SECTION 2. Chapter 291, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
6 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
7 and to read as follows:

8           "§291-   Electric vehicles; parking fee exemption.   (a)  
9 If an electric vehicle displaying an electric vehicle license  
10 plate is parked in a public parking stall that is owned or  
11 operated by a state or county governmental entity, and there is  
12 a parking fee normally associated with parking in that stall,  
13 then the vehicle shall be exempt from that fee, provided that  
14 the time for this exemption shall not exceed two and one-half  
15 hours per day.

16           (b) Any electric vehicle parked in a public parking stall  
17 described in subsection (a) longer than the length of free time  
18 allowed in that subsection shall be subjected to the same



1 parking fees, fines, and regulations to which other, similarly-  
2 situated non-electric vehicles are subject.

3 (c) For the purpose of this section, "electric vehicle"  
4 means:

5 (1) A neighborhood electric vehicle as defined in section  
6 286-2; or

7 (2) A vehicle, with four or more wheels, that draws  
8 propulsion energy from a battery with at least five  
9 kilowatt hours of energy storage capacity that can be  
10 recharged from an external source of electricity."

11 (d) The director shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91  
12 necessary for the purposes of this section.

13 SECTION 3. Act 290, Session Laws of Hawaii 1997, is  
14 amended by amending section 4 to read as follows:

15 "SECTION 4. An electric vehicle on which a license plate  
16 described in section 3 is affixed shall be exempt from[+

17 ~~(1) The payment of parking fees, including those collected~~  
18 ~~through parking meters, charged by any governmental authority,~~  
19 ~~other than a branch of the federal government, when being~~  
20 ~~operated in this State; and~~

21 ~~(2) High] high occupancy vehicle restrictions or other~~  
22 ~~traffic control measures."~~



1 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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**Report Title:**

Electric Vehicles; Parking; Fees

**Description:**

Limits the length of free parking time available to electric vehicles parked on city, state or county governmental property.

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