
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 the human-induced
2 global climate crisis requires thoughtful but bold responses on
3 many fronts to make Hawaii communities resilient to the impacts
4 of climate change that threaten the very survivability of these
5 fragile islands. Lest Hawaii lose its leadership position in
6 meeting the future of labor, justice and equity, the Legislature
7 embraces Aloha 'Aina as a Green New Deal to decarbonize Hawaii's
8 systems of food, energy, and transportation, and to sequester
9 carbon through systems of agriculture, waste management and
10 ecosystem restoration. This solid foundation finds synergies
11 with expanded access to health, housing and education,
12 multiplying good jobs and ensuring justice and equity for
13 Hawaii's citizens. This measure represents a forward step in
14 mitigating and adapting Hawaii to inevitable change.

15 The purpose of this Act is to take a step forward in
16 mitigating and adapting Hawaii to inevitable change by
17 supporting the use of electric and other alternative fuel



1 vehicles by repealing the electric and alternative fuel vehicle
2 surcharge.

3 SECTION 2. Section 249-31, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 "~~§249-31 State registration fee.~~ (a) All vehicles and
6 motor vehicles in the State as defined in section 249-1,
7 including antique motor vehicles, except as otherwise provided
8 in sections 249-4, 249-6, and 249-31.5, shall be subject to a
9 \$45 annual vehicle registration fee [~~provided that electric~~
10 ~~vehicles and alternative fuel vehicles shall pay an annual~~
11 ~~vehicle registration surcharge fee of \$50, which shall be~~
12 ~~assessed and collected beginning with the first registration~~
13 ~~renewal for every electric vehicle and alternative fuel vehicle~~
14 ~~and shall be deposited into the state highway fund established~~
15 ~~under section 248-8]. The fee shall be paid each year together~~
16 with all other taxes and fees levied by this chapter on a
17 staggered basis as established by each county as authorized by
18 section 286-51, and the state registration for that county shall
19 likewise be staggered so that the state registration fee is due
20 and payable at the same time and shall be collected together
21 with the county fee. The state registration fee shall be deemed



1 delinquent if not paid with the county registration fee. The
2 respective counties shall collect this fee together with the
3 vehicle registration tax collected for the county and shall
4 transfer the moneys collected under this section to the State.

5 (b) [~~In addition to the annual vehicle registration~~
6 ~~surcharge fee, for~~] From each annual motor vehicle registration
7 fee, the director shall deposit \$40 into the state highway fund
8 and \$5 into the emergency medical services special fund."

9 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
10 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

11 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2021.

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Report Title:

Electric Vehicles; Alternative Fuel Vehicles; Surcharge; Repeal

Description:

Repeals the annual vehicle registration surcharge fee for electric vehicles and alternative fuel vehicles.

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