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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LICENSE PLATES.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. Section 249-9.1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:  
3           "**§249-9.1 Special number plates.** In addition to the  
4 number plates contracted on behalf of the counties by the  
5 director of finance of the city and county of Honolulu, the  
6 director of finance may provide, upon request, special number  
7 plates. The special number plates shall conform to the  
8 requirements provided for the uniform number plates except that  
9 the owner may request the choice and arrangement of letters and  
10 numbers. The maximum number of letters and numbers shall be six  
11 and only one hyphen will be allowed in addition to and in lieu  
12 of the six letters and numerals. No other punctuation marks  
13 shall be allowed. Effective January 1, 2024, appropriate  
14 diacritical marks may be allowed for Hawaiian words. The  
15 director of finance shall not issue special number plates which  
16 have the letter and numeral combination of regular plates, are  
17 misleading or publicly objectionable. The fee for special



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1 number plates shall be \$60 upon initial application and \$60 upon  
2 each annual renewal of the vehicle registration. This fee shall  
3 not be refundable. Re-application for special number plates  
4 must be made upon a change in design of regular plates. The  
5 director of finance may discard and allow for new applications  
6 of inactive special number plates that have not been assigned or  
7 registered during the preceding three years. The director of  
8 finance shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91 to carry out  
9 this section."

10 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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**Report Title:**

City and County of Honolulu Package; License Plates; Diacritical Marks

**Description:**

Authorizes the use of diacritical marks for Hawaiian words on special number plates.

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