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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 249-33, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 2 amended to read as follows: 3 State vehicle weight tax, exemptions. (a) A11 4 vehicles and motor vehicles in the State as defined in section 5 249-1, including antique motor vehicles, except as otherwise provided in sections 249-4, 249-5.5, 249-6, and 249-6.5, in 6 7 addition to all other fees and taxes levied by this chapter, 8 shall be subject to an annual state vehicle weight tax. 9 shall be levied by the county director of finance at the rate of 10 1.75 cents a pound according to the net weight of each vehicle 11 as the "net weight" is defined in section 249-1 up to and 12 including four thousand pounds net weight; vehicles over four 13 thousand pounds and up to and including seven thousand pounds 14 net weight shall be taxed at the rate of 2.00 cents a pound; 15 vehicles over seven thousand pounds and up to and including ten 16 thousand pounds net weight shall be taxed at the rate of 2.25 17 cents a pound; vehicles over ten thousand pounds net weight
- 18 shall be taxed at a flat rate of \$300.

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1 (b) The tax shall become due and payable in each year 2 together with all other taxes and fees levied by this chapter on 3 a staggered basis as established by each county as authorized by section 286-51, the state vehicle weight tax shall likewise be 4 5 staggered so that the state vehicle weight tax is collected 6 together with the county fee. The state vehicle weight tax 7 shall be deemed delinquent if not paid with the county 8 registration fee. The tax shall be paid by the owner of each 9 vehicle to the director of finance of the county in which the 10 vehicle is registered and shall be collected by the director of 11 finance of such county together with all other fees and taxes 12 levied by this chapter from the owner of each vehicle and motor 13 vehicle registered in the county. 14 By the fifteenth day of the month following the month in 15 which taxes under this section are collected, the director of 16 finance of each county shall transmit the taxes collected to the 17 state director of finance for deposit into the state highway 18 fund. 19 (c) The exemptions provided by sections 249-3 to 249-6 20 shall apply to this section. The provisions for refunds, and 21 taxes for fraction of years for vehicles removed from or brought

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- 1 into the State and for junked vehicles, contained in sections
- 2 249-3 and 249-5 shall apply to the tax levied by this section.
- 3 (d) If it is shown to the satisfaction of the department
- 4 of transportation of the State, based upon proper records and
- 5 from such other evidence as the department of transportation may
- 6 require, that any vehicle with a net vehicle weight of six
- 7 thousand pounds or over is used for agricultural purposes the
- 8 owner thereof may obtain a refund of all taxes thereon imposed
- 9 by this section. The department of transportation shall
- 10 prescribe rules to administer such refunds.
- 11 (e) The counties shall be reimbursed the incremental costs
- 12 incurred in the collection and administration of taxes and fees
- imposed under section 249-31 and this section; the amount of
- 14 reimbursement shall be determined by the director of
- 15 transportation.
- 16 (f) For purposes of calculating the annual state vehicle
- 17 weight tax due under subsection (a), the net weight of a hybrid
- 18 or electric vehicle weighing up to and including four thousand
- 19 pounds shall be reduced by ten per cent."
- 20 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

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Report Title:

Motor Vehicle Registration; Hybrid Vehicles; Electric Vehicles; Annual State Vehicle Weight Tax; Discount

Description:

Reduces the annual state vehicle weight tax for certain hybrid and electric vehicles by 10%. Effective July 1, 2014.

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