
SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE COUNTIES TO SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE ON HOW MANY VEHICLE WEIGHT TAX EXEMPTIONS ARE CLAIMED BY MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD, MILITARY RESERVES, AND OTHER ARMED SERVICES.

1 WHEREAS, active duty military members often spend time in
2 Hawaii on three- to five-year assignments without adopting
3 Hawaii as their residence of record, and therefore are exempt
4 from various state taxes; and

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6 WHEREAS, active duty military members also receive other
7 benefits, including a generous housing allowance; and

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9 WHEREAS, Act 141, Session Laws of Hawaii 2008, exempts
10 members of the National Guard, military reserves, and other
11 armed services, who are in good standing and assigned to a unit
12 in the State, from the county vehicle weight tax for one
13 noncommercial motor vehicle; and

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15 WHEREAS, these members receive an exemption from paying the
16 vehicle weight tax regardless of their legal residency; and

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18 WHEREAS, there is limited ability to track and determine
19 how many of those members claiming the exemption also claim
20 Hawaii as their legal residence and are registered to vote in
21 the State; now, therefore,

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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature
24 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019, that the
25 counties are urged to submit a report to this body regarding how
26 many exemptions are claimed for vehicle weight tax exemptions by
27 members of the National Guard, military reserves, and other
28 armed services, including the Coast Guard; and

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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the report include the amount
31 of lost revenue since the inception of this exemption from the
32 vehicle weight tax and how many individuals who claim the



1 vehicle weight tax exemption also claim Hawaii as their primary
2 residence and are registered to vote in Hawaii; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
5 Resolution be transmitted to the mayors of each county.

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