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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO VEHICLE SALES.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawai'i has set clear  
2 and attainable goals for the reduction of fossil fuel  
3 dependency. In 2014, the State agreed to the Aloha+ Challenge,  
4 which among other goals, commits to achieving seventy per cent  
5 clean energy usage by 2030. In 2016, Governor Ige and the  
6 departments of the executive branch put forth the Sustainable  
7 Hawai'i Initiative, which commits the State to one hundred per  
8 cent renewable electricity by 2045. The legislature also finds  
9 that currently one third of the fossil fuel brought into the  
10 State is being used for ground transportation, while another one  
11 third is used for aviation. The legislature therefore finds  
12 that in order to comply with the initiatives and promises made  
13 for a sustainable community, the only option is to address the  
14 fossil fuel usage by all combustion engine-powered vehicles.  
15 The legislature also acknowledges that the average life span of  
16 a vehicle powered by a combustion engine is twelve to fifteen  
17 years. The purpose of this Act, therefore, is to commence



1 limiting the sales of combustion engine-powered vehicles by  
2 prohibiting a retailer from selling or offering for sale any  
3 combustion engine-powered vehicle, unless it concerns the resale  
4 of a vehicle initially purchased by a consumer prior to  
5 January 1, 2025.

6 SECTION 2. Chapter 286, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
7 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
8 and to read as follows:

9 "§286- Sale of new combustion engine-powered vehicles;  
10 prohibited; civil penalty; enforcement. (a) Beginning  
11 January 1, 2025, no retailer shall sell or offer for sale any  
12 combustion engine-powered vehicle unless the vehicle was  
13 initially purchased in a consumer transaction completed prior to  
14 January 1, 2025; provided that the transaction was not initiated  
15 before July 1, 2024; provided that commercial motor vehicles as  
16 defined in section 286-2 shall be excluded.

17 (b) This section shall not be construed to prohibit any  
18 individual or retailer from reselling, renting, or offering for  
19 resale or rent, a combustion engine-powered vehicle that was  
20 initially purchased in a consumer transaction prior to  
21 January 1, 2025.





# S.B. NO. 520

**Report Title:**

Sale of Combustion Engine-powered Vehicles; Prohibition; Civil Penalty

**Description:**

Prohibits the sale of any new combustion engine-powered vehicle by a person or entity that engages in the practice of selling vehicles to consumers. Imposes a fine of up to \$1,000 for each offense.

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