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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SPECIAL NUMBER PLATES.

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

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 249, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
3 and to read as follows:

4           "§249-           Special number plates for Polynesian Voyaging  
5 Society authorized. (a) Notwithstanding any law to the  
6 contrary, the director of finance shall issue to any registered  
7 owner of an electric vehicle, who is a resident of the State,  
8 upon completed application and payment of required fees, a  
9 special number plate that commemorates the Polynesian Voyaging  
10 Society, for the registered owner's electric vehicle.

11           (b) The director of finance of the city and county of  
12 Honolulu shall establish a special number plate design that:

13           (1) Contains words or images, or both, that indicate that  
14           the special number plate is being issued to recognize  
15           the Polynesian Voyaging Society;

16           (2) Is similar in shape and size to the uniform state  
17           number plate prescribed by law; and



1       (3) Is readily identifiable and distinguishable under  
2           actual traffic conditions.

3   The director of finance of the city and county of Honolulu shall  
4   consult with the directors of finance of the counties of Kauai,  
5   Maui, and Hawaii, the chiefs of police of the city and county of  
6   Honolulu, and the counties of Kauai, Maui, and Hawaii, and the  
7   board of directors of the Polynesian Voyaging Society in  
8   establishing the special number plate design.

9       (c) The special number plate design shall not:

10      (1) Infringe or otherwise violate any trademark, trade  
11       name, service mark, copyright, or other proprietary or  
12       property right;

13      (2) Represent any obscene or degrading image, idea, word,  
14       or phrase;

15      (3) Advertise or endorse a product, brand, or service that  
16       is provided for sale;

17      (4) Promote any religious belief;

18      (5) Promote any philosophy based on prejudice or that is  
19       contrary to state civil rights laws; or



1       (6) Obstruct the visibility of the number plate's numbers  
2       or letters or any other information that is required  
3       by law to be on a number plate.

4       (d) Each special number plate shall be securely fastened  
5       to the electric vehicle in lieu of the uniform state number  
6       plate.

7       (e) The director of finance shall charge a special number  
8       plate fee at least equal to the county's cost of providing the  
9       special number plate and administrative costs, if any, plus a  
10       fundraising fee to be determined by the director of finance in  
11       consultation with the board of directors of the Polynesian  
12       Voyaging Society. The fundraising fee shall be in addition to  
13       any other state or county fees collected for a motor vehicle  
14       registration or license plate.

15       (f) The director of finance may charge an additional  
16       fundraising fee of the same or a different amount as the  
17       fundraising fee established pursuant to subsection (e), for the  
18       renewal of a special number plate. If an additional fundraising  
19       fee is implemented pursuant to this subsection, the director of  
20       finance shall revoke the special number plate of the registered



1 owner of a motor vehicle who fails to pay the additional  
2 fundraising fee imposed by this subsection.

3 (g) The revenue generated by the fundraising fee  
4 established pursuant to subsection (e) and additional  
5 fundraising fee established pursuant to subsection (f), or a  
6 portion of the revenue generated by these fees as determined by  
7 the director of finance, shall be deposited in the name of the  
8 Polynesian Voyaging Society into a separate county budget  
9 account. The director of finance shall determine the most  
10 efficient means of directing the revenue generated by the  
11 fundraising fees to the Polynesian Voyaging Society.

12 (h) The director of finance may revoke all special number  
13 plates issued pursuant to this section if the total number of  
14 registered owners of electric vehicles that obtain the special  
15 number plate is less than one hundred fifty within three years  
16 of issuance of the first special number plate.

17 (i) Nothing in this section shall be construed to apply to  
18 any plates issued pursuant to section 249-9.2.

19 (j) For purposes of this section, unless a different  
20 meaning appears from the context, "special number plate" means a  
21 license plate that represents the Polynesian Voyaging Society."



- 1 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.
- 2 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Special Number Plates; Polynesian Voyaging Society; Electric Vehicles

**Description:**

Authorizes the issuance of special number plates representing the Polynesian Voyaging Society for electric vehicles.  
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