
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that climate change
2 caused by carbon emissions from burning fossil fuels poses a
3 serious threat to the economic well-being, public health,
4 natural resources, and environment of Hawaii. The potential
5 adverse impacts of climate change include more destructive
6 storms, hotter temperatures, a reduction in the quality and
7 supply of freshwater, a rise in sea levels resulting in the
8 displacement of coastal businesses and residences, damage to
9 marine ecosystems and the natural environment, and an increase
10 in incidents of infectious diseases, asthma, and other human
11 health-related problems.

12 The State has committed to eliminating imported fuels from
13 the electricity and ground transportation sectors, abiding by
14 the Paris Climate Accord's goal to limit the amount of global
15 warming to less than 1.5 degrees Celsius, and achieving net zero
16 carbon emissions for Hawaii by 2045. The legislature finds that
17 meeting the State's clean energy goals and commitments



1 necessitates the rapid transition to zero-emission vehicles that
2 utilize local, renewable energy sources.

3 Zero-emission vehicles, such as electric vehicles, play an
4 integral role in Hawaii's clean energy future. Electric
5 vehicles are much less expensive to power per mile than their
6 gasoline counterparts. By using stored electrical energy,
7 electric vehicles can take advantage of intermittent solar,
8 wind, and other clean energy resources. With the continued
9 growth of an intelligent electricity grid, electric vehicles
10 become an essential component to electricity load and clean
11 energy resource balancing. They also provide clean mobility
12 solutions for Hawaii residents and visitors.

13 The legislature further finds that transitioning the
14 State's motor pool vehicles to zero-emission vehicles would
15 significantly reduce carbon emissions; increase the number of
16 zero-emission vehicles entering the secondary market, making
17 them more affordable to more Hawaii residents; and demonstrate
18 that Hawaii is a leader in clean energy and sustainable
19 transportation.

20 The purpose of this Act is to require that beginning
21 January 1, 2022, all new vehicles purchased for the department



1 of accounting and general services motor pool program shall not
2 be powered by internal combustion engines.

3 SECTION 2. Section 26-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

5 "(b) The department shall:

6 (1) Preaudit and conduct after-the-fact audits of the
7 financial accounts of all state departments to
8 determine the legality of expenditures and the
9 accuracy of accounts;

10 (2) Report to the governor and to each regular session of
11 the legislature as to the finances of each department
12 of the State;

13 (3) Administer the state risk management program;

14 (4) Establish and manage motor pools; provided that:

15 (A) Beginning January 1, 2022, all new vehicles
16 purchased for the department of accounting and
17 general services' motor pool program shall not be
18 powered by internal combustion engines; and

19 (B) The comptroller may authorize an exemption for
20 new motor pool vehicle purchases determined to be



1 cost-prohibitive or unsuitable for the vehicle's
2 planned purpose;

3 (5) Manage the preservation and disposal of all records of
4 the State;

5 (6) Undertake the program of centralized engineering and
6 office leasing services, including operation and
7 maintenance and lease buyback processing pursuant to
8 subsection (d) of public buildings, for departments of
9 the State;

10 (7) Undertake the functions of the state surveyor;

11 (8) Establish accounting and internal control systems;

12 (9) Under the direction of the chief information officer,
13 provide centralized computer information management
14 and processing services;

15 (10) Establish a program to provide a means for public
16 access to public information and develop an
17 information network for state government; and

18 (11) Assume administrative responsibility for the office of
19 information practices."

20 SECTION 3. The department of accounting and general
21 services, in coordination with other state agencies, shall



1 submit a plan to convert the State's motor pool fleet to zero
2 emissions vehicles to the legislature no later than twenty days
3 prior to the convening of the regular session of 2022.

4 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

Electric Vehicles; Motor Pools; New Purchases; Department of Accounting and General Services; Conversion Plan

Description:

Requires the Department of Accounting and General Services to purchase only zero-emission vehicles for its motor pool fleet beginning on 1/1/22. Requires the Department of Accounting and General Services, in coordination with other state agencies, to submit a plan to convert the State's motor pool fleet to zero emissions vehicles to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2022. (SD1)

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