

JAN 26 2022

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the single greatest
2 factor of the increasing cost of living in Hawaii is the rising
3 cost of transportation. Due to increasingly expensive fossil
4 fuels and a lack of cheaper transit options, Hawaii residents
5 already pay among the highest cost to commute in the country.
6 In January 2022, the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics
7 reported that auto-related costs were an astonishing twenty-
8 three per cent higher in December 2021, than a year earlier,
9 accelerating a trend of increasing transit costs contributing to
10 Hawaii's rising cost of living.

11 The legislature further finds that climate change caused by
12 carbon emissions from burning fossil fuels poses a serious
13 threat to the economic well-being, public health, natural
14 resources, and environment of Hawaii. The state has committed
15 to eliminating fossil fuels from the electricity and ground
16 transportation sectors, abiding by the Paris Climate Accord's
17 goal to limit the amount of global warming to less than 1.5



1 degrees Celsius and achieving negative carbon emissions for
2 Hawaii by 2045. The legislature finds that meeting the State's
3 clean energy goals and commitments necessitates the rapid
4 transition to electric vehicles that utilize local, renewable
5 energy sources.

6 The legislature further finds that electric bikes are
7 significantly more cost effective and better for the environment
8 than gas powered motor vehicles and can effectively get many
9 Hawaii residents to locations as conveniently as gas powered
10 motor vehicles.

11 The purpose of this Act is to encourage the purchase and
12 use of electric motor vehicles and bicycles and to reduce the
13 cost of living and cost of transportation by creating subsidies
14 for those looking to purchase electric motor vehicles and
15 bicycles.

16 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
18 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for
19 subsidies for use by low income persons to purchase electric
20 motor vehicles and electric bicycles.



1 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
2 transportation for the purposes of this Act.

3 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.

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INTRODUCED BY: 



S.B. NO. 3158

Report Title:

Electric Motor Vehicles; Bicycles; Subsidies

Description:

Appropriates funds for subsidies to encourage the purchase and use of electric motor vehicles and bicycles.

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