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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION.

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

SECTION 1. Section 249-31, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"§249-31 State and county registration [fee-] fees. (a)  
All vehicles and motor vehicles in the State [~~as defined in section 249-1~~], including antique motor vehicles, except as otherwise provided in sections 249-4, 249-6, and 249-31.5, shall be subject to a \$46 annual vehicle registration fee; provided that alternative fuel vehicles shall pay an annual vehicle registration surcharge of \$50, which shall be assessed and collected beginning with the first registration renewal for every alternative fuel vehicle and shall be deposited into the state highway fund established under section 248-8. The surcharge shall be paid each year together with all other taxes and fees levied by this chapter on a staggered basis as established by each county as authorized by section 286-51, and the state registration for that county shall likewise be staggered so that the state registration fee is due and payable



1 at the same time and shall be collected together with the county  
2 fee. The state registration fee shall be deemed delinquent if  
3 not paid with the county registration fee. The respective  
4 counties shall collect this fee together with the vehicle  
5 registration tax collected for the county and shall transfer the  
6 moneys collected under this ~~[section]~~ subsection and subsection  
7 (b) to the State.

8 For the purposes of this subsection, "alternative fuel  
9 vehicle" means a vehicle powered by a non-petroleum-based fuel,  
10 but excludes an electric vehicle as defined in section 249-  
11 36(g).

12 (b) In addition to the annual vehicle registration  
13 surcharge fee, for each annual motor vehicle registration fee,  
14 the director shall deposit \$40 into the state highway fund, \$5  
15 into the emergency medical services special fund, and \$1 into  
16 the accessible parking special account.

17 (c) Notwithstanding any county ordinance to the contrary,  
18 a county's annual vehicle registration fee shall be equal to the  
19 annual vehicle registration fee imposed pursuant to subsection  
20 (a)."



1       SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

3       SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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# S.B. NO. 2894

**Report Title:**

County Annual Vehicle Registration Fee

**Description:**

Specifies that the county annual vehicle registration fee is equal to the state annual motor vehicle registration fee.

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