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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:**

1 SECTION 1. Section 249-31, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:  
3 "~~§249-31~~ State and county registration [fee-] fees. (a)  
4 All vehicles and motor vehicles in the State [~~as defined in~~  
5 ~~section 249-1~~], including antique motor vehicles, except as  
6 otherwise provided in sections 249-4, 249-6, and 249-31.5, shall  
7 be subject to a \$46 annual vehicle registration fee; provided  
8 that alternative fuel vehicles shall pay an annual vehicle  
9 registration surcharge of \$50, which shall be assessed and  
10 collected beginning with the first registration renewal for  
11 every alternative fuel vehicle and shall be deposited into the  
12 state highway fund established under section 248-8. The  
13 surcharge shall be paid each year together with all other taxes  
14 and fees levied by this chapter on a staggered basis as  
15 established by each county as authorized by section 286-51, and  
16 the state registration for that county shall likewise be  
17 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 not exceed the  
 19 annual vehicle registration fee imposed pursuant to subsection  
 20 (a).



1        (d) Each county shall expend no less than thirty per cent  
2 of the respective revenues collected from county registration  
3 fees pursuant to subsection (a) for roadway repair and  
4 maintenance; provided that each county shall submit an annual  
5 report to the legislature detailing the revenues collected under  
6 this section, current fund balances, and expenditures made from  
7 those funds."

8        SECTION 2. Section 249-33, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
9 amended to read as follows:

10        "**§249-33 State and county vehicle weight [~~tax,~~ taxes;**  
11 **exemptions.** (a) All vehicles and motor vehicles in the State  
12 as defined in section 249-1, including antique motor vehicles,  
13 except as otherwise provided in sections 249-4, 249-5.5, 249-6,  
14 and 249-6.5, in addition to all other fees and taxes levied by  
15 this chapter, shall be subject to an annual state vehicle weight  
16 tax. The tax shall be levied by the county director of finance  
17 at the rate of 1.75 cents a pound according to the net weight of  
18 each vehicle as the "net weight" is defined in section 249-1 up  
19 to and including four thousand pounds net weight; vehicles over  
20 four thousand pounds and up to and including seven thousand  
21 pounds net weight shall be taxed at the rate of 2.00 cents a



1 pound; vehicles over seven thousand pounds and up to and  
2 including ten thousand pounds net weight shall be taxed at the  
3 rate of 2.25 cents a pound; vehicles over ten thousand pounds  
4 net weight shall be taxed at a flat rate of \$300.

5 (b) The tax shall become due and payable in each year  
6 together with all other taxes and fees levied by this chapter on  
7 a staggered basis as established by each county as authorized by  
8 section 286-51, the state vehicle weight tax shall likewise be  
9 staggered so that the state vehicle weight tax is collected  
10 together with the county fee. The state vehicle weight tax  
11 shall be deemed delinquent if not paid with the county  
12 registration fee. The tax shall be paid by the owner of each  
13 vehicle to the director of finance of the county in which the  
14 vehicle is registered and shall be collected by the director of  
15 finance of such county together with all other fees and taxes  
16 levied by this chapter from the owner of each vehicle and motor  
17 vehicle registered in the county.

18 By the fifteenth day of the month following the month in  
19 which taxes under this section are collected, the director of  
20 finance of each county shall transmit the taxes collected to the



1 state director of finance for deposit into the state highway  
2 fund.

3 (c) The exemptions provided by sections 249-3 to 249-6  
4 shall apply to this section. The provisions for refunds, and  
5 taxes for fraction of years for vehicles removed from or brought  
6 into the State and for junked vehicles, contained in sections  
7 249-3 and 249-5 shall apply to the tax levied by this section.

8 (d) If it is shown to the satisfaction of the department  
9 of transportation of the State, based upon proper records and  
10 from such other evidence as the department of transportation may  
11 require, that any vehicle with a net vehicle weight of six  
12 thousand pounds or over is used for agricultural purposes the  
13 owner thereof may obtain a refund of all taxes thereon imposed  
14 by this section. The department of transportation shall  
15 prescribe rules to administer such refunds.

16 (e) The counties shall be reimbursed the incremental costs  
17 incurred in the collection and administration of taxes and fees  
18 imposed under section 249-31 and this section; the amount of  
19 reimbursement shall be determined by the director of  
20 transportation.



1        (f) Notwithstanding any county ordinance to the contrary,  
2 a county's annual vehicle weight tax shall not exceed the annual  
3 state vehicle weight tax imposed pursuant to this subsection.

4        (g) Each county shall expend no less than thirty per cent  
5 of the respective revenues collected from the county vehicle  
6 weight tax pursuant to subsection (a) for roadway repair and  
7 maintenance; provided that each county shall submit an annual  
8 report to the legislature detailing the revenues collected under  
9 this section, current fund balances, and expenditures made from  
10 those funds."

11        SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
12 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

13        SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.



**Report Title:**

County Annual Vehicle Registration Fee; Vehicle Weight Tax

**Description:**

Specifies that the county annual vehicle registration fee shall not exceed the state annual motor vehicle registration fee. Specifies that the counties are required to spend a certain portion of the collected revenues from county motor vehicle registration fees and weight tax on roadway repair and maintenance. Specifies that the county annual vehicle weight tax shall not exceed the state annual vehicle weight tax. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

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