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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  
11 249-36(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); provided that this subsection shall only apply to counties  
21 with a population of five hundred thousand or more.



1        (d) Each county with a population of five hundred thousand  
2 or more shall expend no less than thirty per cent of the  
3 respective revenues collected from county registration fees  
4 pursuant to subsection (a) for roadway repair and maintenance;  
5 provided that each county shall submit an annual report to the  
6 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
7 each regular session detailing the revenues collected under this  
8 section, current fund balances, and expenditures made from those  
9 funds."

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

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



1 four thousand pounds and up to and including seven thousand  
2 pounds net weight shall be taxed at the rate of 2.00 cents a  
3 pound; vehicles over seven thousand pounds and up to and  
4 including ten thousand pounds net weight shall be taxed at the  
5 rate of 2.25 cents a pound; vehicles over ten thousand pounds  
6 net weight shall be taxed at a flat rate of \$300.

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

20 By the fifteenth day of the month following the month in  
21 which taxes under this section are collected, the director of



1 finance of each county shall transmit the taxes collected to the  
2 state director of finance for deposit into the state highway  
3 fund.

4 (c) The exemptions provided by sections 249-3 to 249-6  
5 shall apply to this section. The provisions for refunds, and  
6 taxes for fraction of years for vehicles removed from or brought  
7 into the State and for junked vehicles, contained in sections  
8 249-3 and 249-5 shall apply to the tax levied by this section.

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

17 (e) The counties shall be reimbursed the incremental costs  
18 incurred in the collection and administration of taxes and fees  
19 imposed under section 249-31 and this section; the amount of  
20 reimbursement shall be determined by the director of  
21 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 subsection (a);  
4 provided that this subsection shall only apply to counties with  
5 a population of five hundred thousand or more.

6       (g) Each county with a population of five hundred thousand  
7 or more shall expend no less than thirty per cent of the  
8 respective revenues collected from the county vehicle weight tax  
9 pursuant to subsection (a) for roadway repair and maintenance;  
10 provided that each county shall submit an annual report to the  
11 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
12 each regular session detailing the revenues collected under this  
13 section, current fund balances, and expenditures made from those  
14 funds."

15       SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
16 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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



**Report Title:**

County Annual Vehicle Registration Fee; Vehicle Weight Tax;  
Reports

**Description:**

Specifies that the county annual vehicle registration fee shall not exceed the state annual motor vehicle registration fee for counties with a population of five hundred thousand or more. Specifies that counties with a population of five hundred thousand or more 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 for counties with a population of five hundred thousand or more. Requires annual reports to the Legislature. Effective 7/1/3000. (SD1)

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