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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 be equal to the
19 annual vehicle registration fee imposed pursuant to subsection
20 (a)."



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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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed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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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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