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SUBJECT: MOTOR VEHICLE, Set County Annual Vehicle Registration Fee and Weight Tax Same as State

BILL NUMBER: HB 2022 HD1

INTRODUCED BY: TRN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: 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)

SYNOPSIS: Amends section 249-31, HRS, to force the county annual registration fee to be equal to the state annual motor vehicle registration fee notwithstanding any county ordinance to the contrary. Requires each county to expend no less than 30% of the respective revenues collected from county registration fees for roadway repair and maintenance, and requires an annual report to the legislature.

Amends section 249-33, HRS, to force the county annual vehicle weight tax to be equal to the state annual motor vehicle registration fee notwithstanding any county ordinance to the contrary. Requires each county to expend no less than 30% of the respective revenues collected from county vehicle weight taxes for roadway repair and maintenance, and requires an annual report to the legislature.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 3000.

STAFF COMMENTS: This measure supplants the county's traditional authority to set by ordinance the annual motor vehicle registration fee and weight tax.

County vehicle taxes (except for bicycle fees) typically go into the county highway fund (section 249-18, HRS) and are used for road maintenance.

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