
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ZERO-EMISSION VEHICLES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that climate change
2 caused by greenhouse gas emissions from burning fossil fuels
3 poses a serious threat to the economic well-being, public
4 health, natural resources, and environment of Hawaii. The
5 potential adverse impacts of climate change include the
6 exacerbation of air-quality problems, a reduction in the quality
7 and supply of water, a rise in sea levels resulting in the
8 displacement of coastal businesses and residences, damage to
9 marine ecosystems and the natural environment, and an increase
10 in incidents of infectious diseases, asthma, and other human
11 health-related problems.

12 The State has committed to eliminating imported fuels from
13 the electricity and ground transportation sectors and has also
14 committed to abiding by the Paris Climate Accord's goal to limit
15 the amount of global warming to less than 1.5 degrees Celsius.
16 The legislature finds that meeting the State's clean energy



1 goals and commitments necessitates the rapid transition to
2 vehicles that utilize local, renewable energy sources.

3 The legislature further finds that rental motor vehicles
4 represent the largest passenger vehicle fleets in Hawaii and are
5 responsible for a significant amount of carbon emissions.
6 Incorporating large numbers of zero-emission vehicles into
7 rental motor vehicle fleets would significantly reduce carbon
8 emissions, increase the number of zero-emission vehicles
9 entering the secondary market, making them more affordable to
10 more Hawaii residents, and demonstrate to all who visit the
11 State that Hawaii is a leader in clean energy and sustainable
12 transportation.

13 The purpose of this Act is to:

14 (1) Set requirements for certain rental motor vehicle
15 lessors operating in Hawaii to expedite the
16 incorporation of zero-emission vehicles in the
17 lessors' fleets; and

18 (2) Require each rental motor vehicle lessor operating in
19 the State to report to the director of commerce and
20 consumer affairs the make, model, license plate



1 number, and fuel type of each rental motor vehicle in
2 its fleet.

3 SECTION 2. Chapter 437D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
5 and to read as follows:

6 "§437D- Zero-emission vehicles. (a) Each lessor in
7 the State shall meet the following requirements:

8 (1) By July 1, 2027, no less than fifteen per cent of its
9 rental motor vehicle fleet shall be zero-emission
10 vehicles;

11 (2) By July 1, 2030, no less than fifty per cent of its
12 rental motor vehicle fleet shall be zero-emission
13 vehicles; and

14 (3) By July 1, 2035, one hundred per cent of its rental
15 motor vehicle fleet shall be zero-emission vehicles.

16 (b) The requirements set forth in this section shall apply
17 only to lessors owning and operating, as rental motor vehicles,
18 a total of more than two hundred light duty passenger vehicles
19 with a gross weight rating below 8,500 pounds, and the required
20 zero-emission vehicle percentages shall apply only to those



1 light duty passenger vehicles with a gross weight rating below
2 8,500 pounds.

3 (c) To certify compliance with these requirements,
4 beginning in 2025, each lessor in the State shall report to the
5 director annually by December 1 the make, model, license plate
6 number, and fuel type of each rental motor vehicle in the
7 lessor's fleet.

8 (d) Lessors who are found to have fewer than the required
9 number of zero-emission vehicles in their rental motor vehicle
10 fleet shall pay a fine of \$1,000 per month for each vehicle
11 below the required number.

12 (e) For the purposes of this section:
13 "Battery electric vehicle" means a vehicle with four or
14 more wheels that draws propulsion exclusively from a battery
15 that can be recharged from an external source of energy.

16 "Hydrogen fuel cell vehicle" means a vehicle with four or
17 more wheels that draws propulsion from electricity generated by
18 passing hydrogen through a fuel cell.

19 "Plug-in hybrid electric vehicle" means a vehicle with four
20 or more wheels that draws propulsion from a battery but that
21 also has an internal combustion engine that may be used to



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Description:

Requires rental motor vehicle lessors with more than two hundred light duty passenger vehicles to expedite the incorporation of zero-emission vehicles, as a percentage, into the lessor's fleet by certain dates. Requires all rental motor vehicle lessors to report a list of the make, model, license plate number, and fuel type of each rental motor vehicle in the lessor's fleet to the director of commerce and consumer affairs.

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