
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO A CAR-SHARING VEHICLE SURCHARGE TAX.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that car-sharing is a
2 green transportation innovation that can significantly reduce
3 vehicle miles traveled, oil imports, greenhouse gas emissions,
4 and household transportation costs for Hawaii residents. Car-
5 sharing is a fairly new transportation innovation in the United
6 States that has emerged only in the last ten years. Unlike
7 traditional car rentals, car-sharing is not aimed at tourists or
8 individuals who are getting a personal vehicle repaired. Car-
9 sharing is generally rented by the minute or by the hour, rather
10 than by the day. Car-sharing members are persons who either
11 cannot afford to or prefer not to own their own vehicles but
12 occasionally need access to vehicles to run errands. Car-
13 sharing enables them to enjoy the benefits of automobile access
14 without the high fixed costs and other concerns that come with
15 car ownership.

16 The purpose of this Act is to create a car-sharing vehicle
17 surcharge tax.



1 SECTION 2. Chapter 251, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§251- Car-sharing vehicle surcharge tax. (a) There is
5 levied and shall be assessed and collected a car-sharing vehicle
6 surcharge tax of \$ per day, prorated on an hourly
7 basis and rounded upward to the next hour, on each vehicle
8 available for use or partially available for use during each
9 month by members of a car-sharing organization. The car-sharing
10 vehicle surcharge tax shall be levied upon the car-sharing
11 organization.

12 (b) A car-sharing organization that is registered with the
13 director pursuant to section 251-3 shall be subject to the
14 surcharge imposed by this section and shall not be subject to
15 the surcharges imposed by section 251-2. All rental motor
16 vehicles and tour vehicles shall be subject to the surcharges
17 imposed by section 251-2 and shall not be subject to the
18 surcharge imposed by this section."

19 SECTION 3. Chapter 251, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
20 amended by amending its title to read as follows:

21 "[-]CHAPTER 251[+]"

1 SECTION 5. Section 251-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3 "(a) Each person as a condition precedent to engaging or
4 continuing in the business of providing rental motor vehicles to
5 the public or engaging or continuing in the tour vehicle
6 operator business or a car-sharing organization business shall
7 register with the director. A person required to so register
8 shall make a one-time payment of \$20, upon receipt of which the
9 director shall issue a certificate of registration in such form
10 as the director determines, attesting that the registration has
11 been made. The registration shall not be transferable and shall
12 be valid only for the person in whose name it is issued and for
13 the transaction of business at the place designated therein.
14 The registration, or in lieu thereof a notice stating where the
15 registration may be inspected and examined, shall at all times
16 be conspicuously displayed at the place for which it is issued."

17 SECTION 6. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
18 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

19 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

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Report Title:

Car-sharing Vehicle Surcharge Tax

Description:

Establishes a car-sharing vehicle surcharge tax, set at a flat rate per day and prorated on an hourly basis. (SD1)

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