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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE WEIGHT TAX.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 249-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending the definition of "net weight" to read as  
3 follows:  
4           "Net weight" of a vehicle means the actual weight of the  
5 vehicle, as determined on a standard scale, including all  
6 equipment and accessories ordinarily attached to and used on the  
7 vehicle and, in the case of a motor vehicle, the maximum fuel,  
8 oil, and water possible of being carried for its operation;  
9 provided that "net weight" of a new standard equipped vehicle,  
10 other than a motor vehicle, means the shipping weight thereof as  
11 established by its manufacturer, and "net weight" of a new  
12 standard equipped passenger vehicle means the shipping weight  
13 thereof as established by its manufacturer, plus one hundred  
14 pounds, and "net weight" of a new standard equipped motorcycle,  
15 motor scooter, or moped, means the shipping weight thereof as  
16 established by its manufacturer, plus thirty pounds, and "net  
17 weight" of a new standard equipped truck means the shipping



1 weight thereof as established by its manufacturer, plus two  
2 hundred pounds. On initial registration of a standard equipped  
3 vehicle, other than a motor vehicle, for which the director of  
4 finance has the manufacturer's established weight, the director  
5 of finance, in lieu of requiring the vehicle to be weighed and  
6 in order to determine the "net weight" thereof, may use such  
7 established weight and may require the owner to furnish  
8 verification of the factory serial number of the vehicle. On  
9 initial registration of standard equipped passenger vehicles,  
10 motorcycles, motor scooters, mopeds, and trucks for which the  
11 director of finance has the manufacturer's established weights,  
12 the director of finance, in lieu of requiring such motor  
13 vehicles to be weighed and in order to determine the "net  
14 weight" thereof, may use such established weights, adding one  
15 hundred pounds in the case of standard equipped passenger  
16 vehicles, thirty pounds in the case of standard equipped  
17 motorcycles, motor scooters, and mopeds, and two hundred pounds  
18 in the case of standard equipped trucks, and may require the  
19 owners to furnish verification of factory serial and engine  
20 numbers of such motor vehicles. As to a vehicle for which the  
21 manufacturer's weight is not available or whose make and model



1 cannot be determined with reasonable certainty or which has been  
2 so altered as to increase or diminish the weight thereof, "net  
3 weight" means the actual weight of such vehicle, as determined  
4 on a standard scale, including all equipment and accessories  
5 ordinarily attached to and used on the vehicle and, in the case  
6 of a motor vehicle, the maximum fuel, oil, and water possible of  
7 being carried for its operation. Notwithstanding the foregoing  
8 provisions, for all non-commercial vehicles, the weight of any  
9 vehicle modifications made to assist a person with a disability  
10 to enter or exit the vehicle, including but not limited to  
11 lifts, ramps, motors to power lifts or ramps, and chassis  
12 reinforcements, shall be excluded from the determination of the  
13 vehicle's net weight. In all cases information shall be  
14 presented to and in the manner prescribed by the director of  
15 finance."

16 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

17 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Motor Vehicle Weight Tax; Exemption for Lifts and Ramps

**Description:**

Excludes the weight of disability access modifications from the determination of net weight for non-commercial vehicles for purposes of levying the state and county motor vehicle weight tax. (SB2714 HD1)

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