A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLES.

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

SECTION 1. The Legislature finds that the human-induced
global climate crisis requires thoughtful but bold responses on
many fronts to make Hawaii communities resilient to the impacts
of climate change that threaten the very survivability of these
fragile islands. Lest Hawaii lose its leadership position in
meeting the future of labor, justice and equity, the Legislature
embraces Aloha ‘Aina as a Green New Deal to decarbonize Hawaii’s
systems of food, energy, and transportation, and to sequester
carbon through systems of agriculture, waste management and
ecosystem restoration. This solid foundation finds synergies
with expanded access to health, housing and education,
multiplying good jobs and ensuring justice and equity for
Hawaii’s citizens. This measure represents a forward step in
mitigating and adapting Hawaii to inevitable change.

The purpose of this Act is to take a step forward in
mitigating and adapting Hawaii to inevitable change by
supporting the use of electric and other alternative fuel
vehicles by repealing the electric and alternative fuel vehicle surcharge.

SECTION 2. Section 249-31, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"§249-31 State registration fee. (a) All vehicles and motor vehicles in the State as defined in section 249-1, including antique motor vehicles, except as otherwise provided in sections 249-4, 249-6, and 249-31.5, shall be subject to a $45 annual vehicle registration fee; provided that electric vehicles and alternative fuel vehicles shall pay an annual vehicle registration surcharge fee of $50, which shall be assessed and collected beginning with the first registration renewal for every electric vehicle and alternative fuel vehicle and shall be deposited into the state highway fund established under section 248-8]. The fee shall be paid each year together with all other taxes and fees levied by this chapter on a staggered basis as established by each county as authorized by section 286-51, and the state registration for that county shall likewise be staggered so that the state registration fee is due and payable at the same time and shall be collected together with the county fee. The state registration fee shall be deemed
delinquent if not paid with the county registration fee. The respective counties shall collect this fee together with the vehicle registration tax collected for the county and shall transfer the moneys collected under this section to the State.

(b) [In addition to the annual vehicle registration surcharge fee, for] From each annual motor vehicle registration fee, the director shall deposit $40 into the state highway fund and $5 into the emergency medical services special fund."

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2021.
Report Title:
Electric Vehicles; Alternative Fuel Vehicles; Surcharge; Repeal

Description:
Repeals the annual vehicle registration surcharge fee for electric vehicles and alternative fuel vehicles.

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