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S.B. NO. 2746

A Bill for an Act Relating to Electric Vehicles.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Act 290, Session Laws of Hawaii 1997, established incentives for the registration, licensing, parking, and operation of electric vehicles.

The purpose of this Act is to supersede Act 290, Session Laws of Hawaii 1997.

SECTION 2. (a) The department of transportation may adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for the registration of, and issuance of special license plates for, electric vehicles.

(b) An electric vehicle on which an electric vehicle license plate is affixed shall be exempt from payment of parking fees, including those collected through parking meters, charged by any state or county authority in this State, except that this exemption shall not apply:

- (1) For more than two and one-half hours of metered parking, or the maximum amount of time the meter allows, whichever is longer; or
- (2) To parking fees assessed in increments longer than one twenty-four-hour day, including weekly, monthly, or annual parking permits.

(c) An electric vehicle on which an electric vehicle license plate is affixed shall be exempt from high occupancy vehicle lane restrictions.

(d) For the purposes of this Act:

“Electric vehicle” means:

- (1) A neighborhood electric vehicle; or

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- (2) A vehicle, with four or more wheels, that draws propulsion energy from a battery with at least four kilowatt hours of energy storage capacity that can be recharged from an external source of electricity.

SECTION 3. Act 290, Session Laws of Hawaii 1997, is repealed.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval and shall be repealed on June 30, 2020.

(Approved June 27, 2012.)