HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

KE KANIHELA O KE KALANA O HONOLULU

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

ORDINANCE _____

BILL 47 (2026)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE

RELATING TO THE MOTOR VEHICLE WEIGHT TAX.

BE IT ORDAINED by the People of the City and County of Honolulu:

SECTION 1. Purpose. The purpose of this ordinance is to address the motor vehicle weight tax.

SECTION 2. Section 15A-3.1, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021, is amended to read as follows:

"**§ 15A-3.1 Vehicle weight tax.**

(a) The rate and the minimum tax [~~at which~~] that all vehicles and motor vehicles [~~shall~~] must be taxed as provided by HRS § 249-2, as amended, [~~shall be as~~] is provided in subsections (b), (c), (d), and (e).

(b) *Motor vehicles designed primarily for the purpose of carrying passengers.* The rate for motor vehicles designed primarily for carrying passengers [~~shall be:~~] is:

Cents per Pound of Vehicle Net Weight	***Effective Date***
[~~6.0~~] 7.0	[~~January 1, 2018~~] January 1, 2019
[~~7.0~~] 5.5	[~~January 1, 2019~~] July 1, 2027

This category [~~shall include~~] includes but is not limited to motor vehicles primarily designed to carry passengers, buses, ambulances, and hearses.

(c) (1) *Trucks or noncommercial motor vehicles having a net weight of 6,500 pounds or less.* The rate for trucks and noncommercial motor vehicles having a net weight of 6,500 pounds or less and that are not being operated for compensation or commercial purposes [~~shall be:~~] is:

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Cents per Pound of Vehicle Net Weight	***Effective Date***
[~~6.0~~] 7.0	[~~January 1, 2018~~] January 1, 2019
[~~7.0~~] 5.5	[~~January 1, 2019~~] July 1, 2027

The owner of [~~such~~] the truck or noncommercial motor vehicle who desires to have [~~such~~] the vehicle taxed at the rate provided in this subdivision [~~shall~~] must comply with the requirements in subdivision (2).

(2) For original registration under this category, the owner [~~shall:~~] must:

(A) File an application with the director of budget and fiscal services for registration of a noncommercial motor vehicle;

(B) Register the vehicle under an individual's name, or if the vehicle is leased, provide proof that the vehicle is leased to an individual and not to a company; and

(C) Pay the applicable weight tax and registration fees.

When the vehicle is currently registered as a commercial vehicle and the owner wishes to reclassify the vehicle under this category, the owner [~~shall,~~] must, in addition to the above, also surrender the vehicle's current certificate of registration and license plates.

When the owner has complied with the foregoing requirements, and has paid the applicable fees, the director of budget and fiscal services shall issue a set of passenger vehicle license plates, an emblem, and a new certificate of registration.

(d) *Trucks or commercial vehicles.* The rate for trucks, commercial vehicles, and other vehicles designed for carrying property or for purposes other than the carrying of passengers [~~shall be:~~] is:

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Cents per Pound of Vehicle Net Weight	***Effective Date***
~~[6.5]~~ 7.5	~~[January 1, 2018]~~ January 1, 2019
~~[7.5]~~ 6.0	~~[January 1, 2019]~~ July 1, 2027

This category ~~[shall include,]~~ includes but is not limited to~~[,]~~ trucks, truck tractors and road tractors, and trailers and semitrailers; provided that trucks and noncommercial vehicles that qualify under subsection (c) are exempted from this category.

(e) *Minimum tax.* The minimum tax assessed and collected ~~[by reason of]~~ pursuant to this section ~~[shall in no case]~~ may not be less than $12."

SECTION 3. Ordinance material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New material is underscored. When revising, compiling, or printing this ordinance for inclusion in the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu, the Revisor of Ordinances need not include the brackets, the material that has been bracketed and stricken, or the underscoring.

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SECTION 4. This ordinance takes effect on July 1, 2027.

INTRODUCED BY:

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

JUN 30 2026
Honolulu, Hawai'i

Councilmembers

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Deputy Corporation Counsel

APPROVED this _____day of _____, 20 ___.

RICK BLANGIARDI, Mayor
City and County of Honolulu

Report Title:
Motor Vehicle Weight Tax; Vehicles; County Vehicular Taxes; Motor Vehicles; Annual Tax; Trucks; Commercial Vehicles; Passenger Vehicles; Noncommercial Vehicles; Tractors; Trailers; Department of Customer Services ("CSD")

Description:
Reduces the vehicle weight tax rates for motor vehicles designed primarily for carrying passengers; trucks and noncommercial vehicles having a net weight of 6,500 pounds or less; and vehicles designed for carrying property or for purposes other than carrying passengers. Takes effect on July 1, 2027.

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