
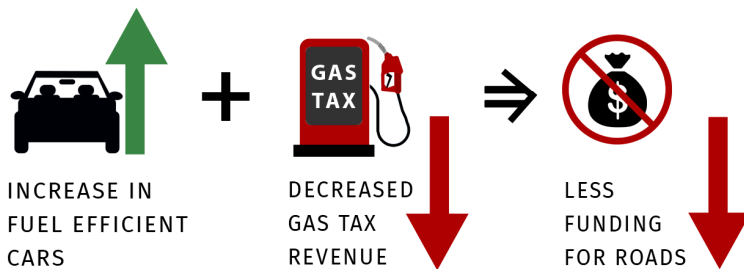


HAWAII RUC PROJECT

Road usage charge



FUNDING GAP



WHAT IS A “ROAD USAGE CHARGE?”

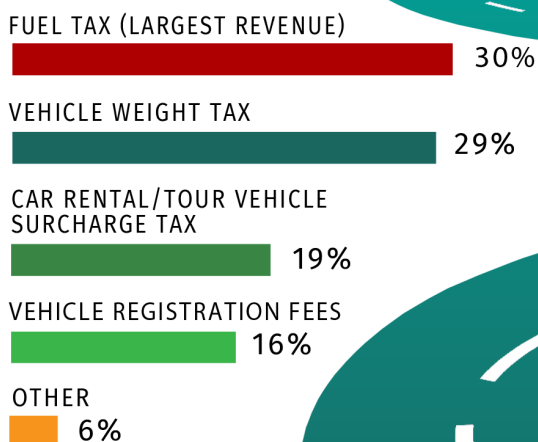
A road usage charge (RUC) is a per-mile fee that drivers pay to fund the upkeep of the roads instead of paying a tax on gasoline. RUC is similar to how we pay for other public utilities, such as water or electricity. Each driver pays for exactly how much they use.

WHY IS HAWAII RESEARCHING THIS?

We currently pay for our roads through a gas tax. As Hawaii moves toward 100 percent renewable energy by 2045, the transition from traditional gasoline vehicles to hybrids, alternative fuel or electric vehicles likely will accelerate. Vehicles will use less gas, and electric cars will use none. While this shift will align with our state and county energy and environmental sustainability goals, it means less funding to upkeep roads. HDOT is studying RUC as a way to prepare for a future with less gas and gas tax.

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STATE HIGHWAY FUND REVENUE



“As vehicle fuel economy continues to improve, fuel tax revenue for road maintenance and repairs declines.”



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ROAD USAGE CHARGE

36-MONTH DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

HDOT is exploring RUC as one possible funding solution

The Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) is anticipating a decline in our state’s gas tax funding and researching alternative ways to pay for our roadways. In its 2016 Feasibility Study of Mileage-Based Fees, HDOT found promise in a per-mile road usage charge for future roadway funding. First, though, we must answer important questions. How would HiRUC affect people who live in rural areas? How would HiRUC affect various types of households? How expensive will it be to administer HiRUC? How will driver privacy be protected? These, and other issues, require additional research and testing.

