Path Forward for RUC

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RUFTF Proposal - 2017 Legislative Session

Mandatory RUC for >20 MPG

Model year 2026 or newer

Flat annual usage charge
Passenger registration annual increase
(current rate = $43)
High efficiency and fully electric vehicles continue to pay less than a user fee.
RUC is Needed

Annual State Highway Fund Payment by MPG and Vehicle Miles Traveled

Electric vehicles pay the same amount regardless of how much they drive.
RUC is Needed

Gas tax is still unsustainable

RUC is fair

RUC offers additional benefits
**On the Same Path**
HB 2017 and HB 2464 point in the same direction

**HB 2017**
- Creates a **flat annual usage charge** (tiered registration) that varies by MPG
- Allows people to opt into the **road usage charge program**

**RUFTF proposal**
- Creates a **road usage charge program**
- Allows people to opt into a **flat annual usage charge** that varies by MPG
Strategy One: Straight to Mandatory
Mandatory in 2019/2021 Session

House Bill 2464

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor’s brief statement of the essential features of the measure as introduced.

Eliminates caps on number of subject vehicles eligible to participate in road usage charge program. Requires Department of Transportation to establish method that allows purchaser of light motor vehicle to file road usage charge program application with respect to vehicle at point of sale. Requires light motor vehicles of model year 2026 or later and EPA rating of at least 20 miles per gallon or 20 miles per gallon equivalent to be entered in road usage charge program. Requires fuel tax refunds to road usage charge program participants to be granted as credits against per-mile road usage charges.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.
Strategy Two: Phase In

Phase 1
Refine Voluntary Program
- >40 MPG or more
- No enrollment cap
- Eliminate refunds
- RUFTF oversight

Phase 2
Required RUC
- Mandatory in 2021/23 Session
Path Forward: Strategy One or Two?