



Parliament of the Cayman Islands

PRIVATE MEMBER'S MOTION NO. 18 of 2025-2026

Temporarily Reducing To 0% The Duty Charged By Government On The Importation Of Fuels

WHEREAS over the past five years, the cost of most imported goods has increased due to the impacts of the pandemic, the war in Ukraine, and now the war in Iran;

AND WHEREAS since 2021, the cost of essentials like groceries, utilities and gasoline increased in the Cayman Islands by over 25% (helping create a severe cost-of-living crisis) significantly increasing the cost of living for families and the cost of doing business;

AND WHEREAS the increased cost of living has been exacerbated by the significantly increased cost of bank financing and mortgage payments, property insurance costs, and health insurance costs;

AND WHEREAS the increased fuel costs, including cooking fuels, have a broad impact, affecting a wide range of the average consumer's and business' monthly bills, including utility costs, cost of groceries, transportation costs, food preparation costs, and more;

AND WHEREAS the Cayman Islands Government has benefited and continues to benefit from a windfall in additional import duties because of the significantly increased cost of goods and freight.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Government considers granting temporary financial relief to the public by reducing to 0%, for an initial period of three months, the duty charged to recognised Fuel Importers on importation of:

- (1) fuels purchased by utility providers;
- (2) fuels for cooking gas; and
- (3) automotive fuels, including diesel;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Government also considers reintroducing an Electricity Relief Programme, like the one introduced in Summer 2023, to reduce electricity costs for families and small businesses during the sweltering summer months.

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Elected Member for George Town East

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Deputy Leader of the Opposition
Elected Member for George Town Central

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Passed by the Parliament of the Cayman Islands this 30th day of April, 2026.

Clerk of the Parliament