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TO: Senator Ron Menor  
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FROM: Chris Pablo, Esq.  
S.B. 2549 Relating to Electric Automobiles  
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Dear Chairs Menor and English and Members of the Joint Committees on Energy and Environment/Transportation and International Affairs:

I am Chris Pablo, testifying on behalf of the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers regarding S.B. 2549. The Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers ("Alliance") is a trade association of 10 car and light truck manufacturers, including BMW Group, Chrysler LLC, Ford Motor Company, General Motors, Mazda, Mercedes Benz USA, Mitsubishi Motors, Porsche, Toyota and Volkswagen.

S.B. 2549 directs the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to develop an implementation plan to increase electric automobile use in Hawaii. The Alliance requests the measure be amended to include the usage of energy-efficient vehicles, as defined in HRS 103D-412, in DBEDT's implementation plan.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to submit testimony.