

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 795-10

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 17, 2010

RE: S.B. No. 2231  
S.D. 1  
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2010  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred S.B. No. 2231, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to support the deployment of electric vehicles and the infrastructure for such vehicles in Hawaii by exempting the sale or lease of electric vehicles and electric vehicle charging stations from general excise tax for the period starting on July 1, 2010, and ending on January 1, 2015.

Hawaiian Electric Company and Better Place Hawaii testified in support of this bill. Blue Planet supported this bill with amendments. Tax Foundation of Hawaii provided comments.

Your Committee notes that encouraging widespread availability of electric vehicles and electric vehicle infrastructure would benefit the transportation industry by promoting the Hawaii Clean Energy Initiative's goal of 70 percent clean energy by 2030. At the same time, the measure would help in reducing Hawaii's dependence on imported oil and increase Hawaii's energy security.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Moving up the excise tax exemption to the period starting July 1, 2010, and ending on January 1, 2014;

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- (2) Prohibiting declarations, contracts, and other binding agreements from preventing the owner of a parking stall in a multi-family residential dwelling or townhouse project from installing an electric vehicle charging system (charging system) at or near the owner's parking stall;
- (3) Requiring that rules adopted by homeowners associations relating to the placement and use of charging systems must be reasonable; provided that the rules cannot prohibit charging systems;
- (4) Providing various restrictions, conditions, and requirements relating to the installation of charging systems;
- (5) Changing the effective date to upon its approval; and
- (6) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for consistency, clarity, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2231, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2231, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Energy &  
Environmental Protection,

*Hermina Morita*

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HERMINA MORITA, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Twenty-fifth Legislature

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**Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection**

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> SB 2231 SDI	<b>Committee Referral:</b> EEP, FIN	<b>Date:</b> 3-9-10 <sup>11 Dec</sup>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
EEP Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. MORITA, Hermina M. (C)	✓			
2. COFFMAN, Denny (VC)	✓			
3. CABANILLA, Rida	✓			
4. CHANG, Jerry L.	✓			
5. CHONG, Pono	✓			
6. HAR, Sharon E.	✓			
7. HERKES, Robert N.	✓			
8. ITO, Ken	✓			
9. LEE, Chris				✓
10. LUKE, Sylvia	✓			
11. SAGUM, Roland D., III	✓			
12. CHING, Corinne W.L.				✓
13. THIELEN, Cynthia	✓			
<b>TOTAL (13)</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b> <u>Denny Coffman</u>				
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