

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 22, 2012

RE: S.B. No. 2747
S.D. 1
H.D. 2

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred S.B. No. 2747, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLE PARKING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to assist Hawaii in addressing its energy needs and promote the increased use of electric vehicles by simplifying and clarifying current requirements for electric vehicle parking. Among other things, this measure:

- (1) Requires at least one parking space to be equipped with an electric vehicle charging system and designated for the exclusive use of electric vehicles in places of public accommodation with at least 100 parking spaces;
- (2) Allows the space for the electric vehicle to be located anywhere in the parking structure or lot;
- (3) Allows owners of multiple parking facilities within the State to designate and electrify fewer parking spaces than required in one or more of their owned properties; provided that the scheduled requirement is met for the total number of aggregate spaces on all of their owned properties;



- (4) Repeals mandatory designated space increases that would have taken effect once registered electric vehicles in the State numbered at least 5,000;
- (5) Specifies that an electric vehicle means a "neighborhood electric vehicle" as defined in the Hawaii Highway Safety Act or a vehicle that has at least four wheels and draws propulsion energy from a rechargeable battery with at least four kilowatt hours of energy storage capacity;
- (6) Defines "electric vehicle charging system" and "place of public accommodation"; and
- (7) Delays, for one year, the implementation of warnings given to non-electric vehicles parked in stalls reserved for electric vehicles.

The City and County of Honolulu, Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, Department of Design and Construction of the City and County of Honolulu, Outrigger Hotels Hawaii, Retail Merchants of Hawaii, and several concerned individuals testified in support of this measure. The Sierra Club-Hawaii Chapter and numerous concerned individuals testified in opposition to this measure. The Disability and Communication Access Board and Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that that no parking space designated for electric vehicles shall displace or reduce accessible stalls required by the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines; and
- (2) Changing its effective date to upon its approval.

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. 2747, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2747, S.D. 1, H.D. 2.



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



DENNY COFFMAN, Chair



