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OF
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TO THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE
ON
ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
ON
March 20, 2012

S.B. 2746, S.D. 1, H.D. 1

RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLES

Chair Coffman and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on S.B. 2746, S.D. 1, H.D. 1.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) supports S.B. 2746, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and offers the following amendments.

We suggest that subsection 286- ___(b), at page 2, be changed to: “(b) An electric vehicle on which an electric vehicle license plate is affixed shall be exempt from payment of parking fees, including those collected through parking meters, charged by any state or county authority in this State, that meets the following criteria:

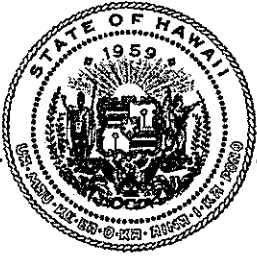
- (1) While parked and actively charging at an electric vehicle charging station, or

(2) While parked for two and one-half hours or less at any state or county parking meter.”

DAGS believes that the proposed amendment is easier to understand and prevents electric vehicles from parking all day without active charging. The time limitation is crucial to prevent any abuse of privileges. Language clarity is required to differentiate between state and county employee parking areas and public parking areas so that state and county employee parking access is maintained (that is, free electric vehicle parking does not apply to public employee parking lots, only to metered stalls).

DAGS also recommends the bill be amended to take effect upon approval and include a sunset date of December 31, 2015, so that the effectiveness of free electric vehicle parking can be reevaluated to determine its feasibility.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on this matter.



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Statement of
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**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

Tuesday, March 20, 2012
9am
State Capitol, Conference Room 325

in consideration of
SB 2746 SD 1 HD1
RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLES.

Chair Coffman, Vice Chair Kawakami, and Members of the Committee.

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) **strongly supports with comments** SB 2746 SD1 HD1, an Administration Bill that would address electric vehicle (EV) free parking time limit concerns and update the EV law for clarity, consistency, and enforceability.

SB 2746 SD1 HD1 removes ambiguity regarding allowable parking duration for EVs by providing EVs with free parking for two-and-a-half hours at metered parking or the maximum amount of time the meter allows, whichever is longer. Additionally, EVs will not be allowed to park for free in increments longer than one 24-hour day, including weekly, monthly or annual parking permits.

In order to encourage the purchase of EVs DBEDT strongly recommends that EVs parked in charging station stalls for the purpose of charging should be not assessed any parking fees. As a result DBEDT recommends striking the language on Page 2, Lines 8 and 9.

These amendments are critical for greater EV adoption and rollout in Hawaii and the State's transportation agenda under the Hawaii Clean Energy Initiative.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments in support of SB 2746 SD1, HD1.

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The Department of Transportation supports House Draft 1 of this bill, because it no longer mandates the department to develop administrative rules for registering electric vehicles. Currently rules are not needed.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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DATE: March 19, 2012

RE: **S.B. 2746, SD1, HD1 – Relating to Electric Vehicles**
Hearing Date: Tuesday, March 20, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.
Conference Room 325

Dear Chair Souki and Members of the Committee on Transportation:

I am Gary Slovin **submitting comments** on behalf of the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers (“Alliance”). The Alliance is a trade association of twelve car and light truck manufacturers including BMW Group, Chrysler Group LLC, Ford Motor Company, General Motors Company, Jaguar Land Rover, Mazda, Mercedes-Benz USA, Mitsubishi Motors, Porsche, Toyota, Volkswagen Group of North America, and Volvo.

The Alliance appreciates the amendment made by the House Committee on Transportation in S.B. 2746, SD1, HD1 which amends the definition of “Electric Vehicle” by changing the battery capacity to four kilowatt hours. This makes the definition of electric vehicle conform to Federal standards as defined by the IRS, and ensure that all of our members’ electric vehicles would qualify for the provisions of the bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Rep. Derek S.K. Kawakami, Vice Chair

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SB2746 RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLES

My name is Tracey K. Scott

I **oppose** this legislation for the following reasons. I have only had my EV for three months, and have only had occasion to use the benefits this legislation would reduce or eliminate once or twice so far. My understanding is that there are still less than 500 electric vehicles on Oahu at this time.

The whole point of the laws which instituted these benefits was to encourage people to buy electric and get off fossil fuels. The number of public parking spots these vehicles currently take away from internal combustion vehicles (public meters and charging stations) is miniscule – as is any parking revenue lost.

When people speak to me about my vehicle, and I tell them about free parking and the growing number of charging stations (still few and far between), their interest definitely goes up.

While I eventually expect that EV drivers will have to pay for metered parking again, and that charging won't always be free, I really do not understand why you are considering such legislation at this time – when gas prices are rising while EV numbers are still low. For anyone who (like myself) recently bought an EV, it also sends a very poor message about our legislature – to take away a promised benefit so soon after we just purchased our EVs.

In Hawaii, of all places, an Electric Vehicle sitting in a parking spot (especially a public one) sends the exact message we should be sending to people about energy usage.

Sincerely,

Tracey K. Scott

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Submitted on: 3/19/2012

Comments:

I must oppose SB 2746 (and related SB 2747), which proposes to repeal incentives and benefits currently enjoyed by electric vehicle drivers in Hawaii. It is the state's responsibility to encourage positive changes in society, and much encouragement is still needed to turn people away from the unsustainable technologies we've grown accustomed to. Change is difficult, but necessary, and SB 2746 in its current form will only work to set back necessary and positive change. I would like to echo the testimony submitted by the Sierra Club on February 6th, 2012, and add my support to their proposed amendments.

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Comments:

To encourage energy conservation through increased use of electric vehicles, I strongly oppose the changes to the current parking fee exemptions for electric vehicles. The current fee exemptions provide needed incentives for residents to purchase these vehicles.

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SB2746 RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLES

My name is Robert Woliver.

I **oppose** this legislation for the following reasons.

This legislation does not encourage and strengthen the use of electric vehicles. It weakens it!

Alternative energy is here and it works! My most recent electric bill that also includes the cost of powering my car was \$16. 69, the minimum charge to be hooked up to the grid

With all the recent stories about the increasing cost of electricity and gas, this is a change. According to my electric meter, I used -85 kilowatts. The bill shows 0 kWh used. In other words for the past 31 days during the billing period, I made more electricity than I used.

The sun made all our electricity, heated our hot water, ran our air conditioners and even made the energy to power the electric car. During the month, I did buy 1 tank of gas for my Honda Element (about \$40. I didn't want the Honda to feel completely neglected).

We have not changed our lifestyle--we still bathe, use AC, sometimes forget to turn off lights, etc.

This is a positive and good story that needs to be told. Too often we see commercials on TV from the gas and oil lobbies that suggest "drill, baby, drill" is the only way to power our society. How quickly they forget the recent drilling disaster in the Gulf.

Although some politicians dismiss alternative energy, the use of solar, such as I am doing, reduces the demand for oil. The basic law of economics--supply and demand--is the most important factor in determining price. By reducing the demand for oil by using alternatives, eventually the price pressures on oil will be downward.

It is unlikely that we can eliminate all our need for oil products and not everyone will be able to implement alternatives to oil; but, if we can encourage enough citizens to use alternatives, we can reduce our demand for oil. This is a win-win situation. We can lower our energy costs, reduce our carbon footprint, reduce global warming and reduce the need that America has for foreign oil.

Stand up for Hawaii and for alternative energy. This bill works against both interests. Strengthen and encourage the use of electric vehicles. Shelf this bill.

I would be glad to send my electric bill (\$16) and photos of my system and electric car.

Thank you,

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Representative Denny Coffman, Chair

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SB2746 HD1 RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLES

Aloha my name is Dee Dee Letts and I strongly oppose this Bill. Our State elected officials continually talk about energy self sufficiency and the danger of continuing to be dependent on foreign oil. The State took several bold steps to support individuals that are willing to switch to a new and somewhat risky technology i.e. the electric car. Currently the range for a vehicle that uses no gas is about 100 miles and thus having the ability to recharge is important to many on the Island. To do away with preferential/free parking and other incentives that would encourage more drivers to switch from gas to electric vehicles is short sighted if the intent is truly to move the State toward energy self sufficiency. Electric vehicles can be charged by solar power and therefore eliminate the need for any consumption of oil products. I ask you to consider the possible impacts of this bill on encouraging more drivers to consider electric vehicles and to vote no on its passage out of Committee.

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Comments:

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My name is Christine Daleiden.

I oppose this legislation, and any legislation that takes away incentives for motorists to choose electric vehicles as their form of transportation. The negative effects of carbon emissions require Hawaii to reduce, if not eliminate, oil-based transportation emissions. Electric vehicles allow us to travel three times farther than in gasoline-powered vehicles per unit of energy. As Hawaii moves towards energy independence, and towards a cleaner environment, the purchase of electric vehicles should be encouraged. Our government can play a major role in moving constituents towards these goals.

Right now, electric vehicles are extremely expensive, even with the generous state and federal subsidies. A major incentive for my purchase of my electric vehicle was the free parking, free meters, and ease of charging in public places. If these incentives go away, especially at this stage where electric vehicle purchases are still not being purchased by the mass market, the purchase and use of these vehicles will be eliminated.

Please reconsider how this bill would impact Hawaii's long-term goals.

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My name is Donald Wong

I **oppose** this legislation for the following reasons.

I am the owner of an electric car (a Nissan Leaf). I am totally for making Hawaii the alternative energy leader of the United States and the purchase of the electric car was my small attempt to contribute. However, an important reason for buying the car last August was also because of the parking benefits provided to electric cars. If the purpose of the State and legislature is to promote alternate energy and reduce our dependence on oil, it would appear that these incentives be preserved in order to promote the sale of electric vehicles in Hawaii.

Honolulu is the perfect place for electric cars as the travel distances work well with the Island. Any benefit to owning an electric car can only promote future sales of electric cars and thereby help our environment.

I do not think that the elimination of the parking benefits result in any great loss of income to the State or City and County in comparison to the long term benefits of making electric cars an attractive option in Hawaii.

I am not sure what the rationale is for proposing this change in the law, but I do request that the legislature does not put short term cash needs ahead of long term environmental benefits for our State.

My contact information is on the email which transmits this testimony.

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Comments:

I strongly oppose the elimination or reduction of the parking incentives for Electric Vehicles (EV). We must continue to encourage our citizens to invest in energy efficiency. I am an EV owner whose decision to sell my gas car(s) and purchase an EV was strongly influenced by the incentives, and by the commitment of my own institution (University of Hawai'i Manoa) to sustainability. Such incentives go beyond individual motivations by encouraging a community of support for ongoing and continuing advances in energy efficiency in Hawai'i.

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My name is Kelly Tsutsui,

I **oppose** this legislation for the following reasons:

To help Hawaii be less dependent on oil our family of 4 purchased a Nissan Leaf. Part of the purchasing decision was based on the benefits for parking, charging, and driving in the HOV lane. To after the fact take away those benefits is not in the best interest of the State in helping to get more EV's on the road and meet the goal of oil independence. We count on those benefits to help make using our EV a benefit to our family not a burden.

- Eliminates free parking for vehicles parked at an EV charging station: In one year when the charging stations are no longer free, not only will we pay to charge our cars but will now have to pay to park as well.
- Limits free meter parking to 2.5 hours or the maximum amount of time the meter allows, whichever is greater: As stated above free meter parking is a benefit that should not be changed.
- Limits free parking to 24 hours in lots such as the Airport: As stated above free parking in lots such as the airport is a benefit that should not be changed.

We love our Nissan Leaf and have driven 9,000 gas free miles in 8 months. Please consider the impact these changes would make to all the families who count on these benefits.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

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My name is Mark Bernstein and I oppose the proposed legislation. First of all the pre-ambule to the legislation is no more than an out and out sham in which the claim is asserted that no one can find the laws related to electric vehicles and therefore the law needs to be amended. If the preamble was truthful, and all that is intended by this legislation was to make the law easy to find, there wouldn't be any amendments to the law included, but of course there are amendments.

These amendments are all proposed by parking operators who wish to dilute and/or eliminate the benefits of electric cars. These benefits are no small part of the reason I decided to buy an electric car and these incentives will drive the public towards replacing their gas vehicles with electric ones which is exactly why these laws were passed. Hawaii is perfect for electric vehicles and we need to do everything in our power to increase the number of electric vehicles in the state.

There will hopefully come a time and let's hope it is soon where these incentives are no longer needed. But that time is not yet here, and the committee should not be pushed by shopping center and parking lot operators into cutting off these incentives just when they are gaining traction.

Mark Bernstein

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My name is Dr. Kevin Gibson and I oppose the passing of SB2746 HD1 for the following reasons.

The impact on city/county parking revenue is as yet difficult to determine. It is recommended that two years pass to assess how "popular" these vehicles have become and if then deemed a significant number, the language of SB2746 be reintroduced.

Many electric vehicle drivers have chosen to adopt this approach of transport for concern of the environment of Hawaii and the planet. It is not a necessarily a very smart fiscal decision, but the advantage of saving monthly parking garage fees which both my wife and I do, helps take some of the sting of the price tag away.

We hope you will consider moving this legislation to the 2014 agenda where a better informed decision can be weighed.

Thank you


Kevin Gibson

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Comments:

I **oppose (choose one)** this legislation for the following reasons.

1. Hawai'i is a pristine environment and we need to keep it this way by having more incentives for zero emission electric cars
2. The momentum to have electric cars for zero emissions in Hawai'i should not be challenged by back and forth changing of minds in terms of numbers of parking stalls. It is a way of life and it needs incentives.

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From: Walter Figueiraq [waltfig3@gmail.com]
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I am strongly opposed to these bills as it takes away incentives for the public to be motivated to participate in The State of Hawaii's goal towards energy independence.

My family and I believe in The State of Hawaii's Energy goals so much so that we have actually invested a total of over \$80,000.00 of our hard earned money by already installing a Solar Water Heating System, a Photovoltaic System and also purchased an Electric Vehicle a few weeks ago.

We are not just doing the talk, we are living examples of what can happen when the right incentives are in place. Had these incentives not been in place, I can guarantee you, there are many other uses for our hard earned dollars.

My family and I have been singing the praises of these incentives to all our friends. Many of them are now also considering making the move to Electric Vehicles. DO NOT Destroy the trust we have in you.

Sincerely,
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Sent from my iPad

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My name is Clifton Ching

I oppose this legislation for the following reasons:

1. ACT 290 was passed to encourage citizens of Hawaii to reduce their consumption of imported petroleum which drains our local economy of billions of dollars each year. The incentives provided by this Act for purchasing and driving electric vehicles was intended to encourage people to drive vehicles which used very little oil, or in many cases such as myself, utilize only the power of the sun delivered by photovoltaic panels at my residence. Any reductions to these incentives would discourage future electric vehicle purchases, thus prolonging our dependence on imported oil.
2. The changes proposed in SB2746 would increase the cost of enforcement by requiring persons responsible for enforcing these changes to mark and monitor time electric vehicles were parked at meters, note whether the vehicle was being charged, etc. With negligible increase in revenue (given the small number of EVs) to offset the increased cost of enforcement.
3. This is bad policy as it sends a confusing message on the State's commitment to alternative energy.

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Comments:

The incentive to build a better environment by driving electric vehicles would be eliminated. Although driving electric vehicles is the right thing to do, there are many who easily opted to drive electric vehicles because of the nice perks associated (ie free parking).

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My name is Gene Marshall

I **oppose** this legislation for the following reasons.

I purchased my EV because of the laws passed regarding current parking rights for new EV cars and the promotion of EV in Hawaii. We should give the law a chance to work before we make changes to it before we even have the cars to make use of the current law and the effects it will have.

This is Hawaii's first year with electric cars for the general public I strongly believe the current law will help to move Hawaii as a leader in the new EV market and make Hawaii more secure from its dependence on oil.

Please feel free to contact me

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My name is Sandra Shimabukuro

I **oppose** this legislation for the following reason.

I purchased my electric vehicle three months ago and am enjoying the perks of free parking in municipal lots and on streets. Free parking was one of the incentives in considering the purchase of an electric vehicle and a perk many friends comment on as a big plus in considering an electric vehicle. The state should continue this incentive as it strives toward its alternative energy goals.

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My name is Billie J. Erwin

I **oppose** this legislation for the following reasons:

1. The incentives in place now regarding parking in state/city/county parking facilities provide the proper motivation for citizens to use electric vehicles. The laws were in place when current electric vehicles were placed in service and should be continued without change for longer than what is proposed.
2. New laws pertaining to parking of electric vehicles causes confusion.

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SB 2746 S.D. 1 H.B. 1 RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLES

My name is Gregory Field.

I oppose aspects of this legislation.

Section 2, Paragraph (b) states an electric vehicle shall be exempt from payment of parking fees, but this exemption shall not apply:

“(1) While the vehicle is parked at an electric vehicle charging station;”

To assign a fee for parking while a car is charging its batteries would be similar to charging an internal combustion engine vehicle a parking fee while filling up on gas. Presumably at some point the owners of the lots will be collecting a fee in some way for the electricity used to charge the car. Charging a fee would make sense if the fee applied only if the car was parked in front of a charging station and was **not** charging—thereby blocking another electric vehicle from charging.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

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To: EEPtestimony
Subject: SB2746 HD1 and SB2747 HD1

Dear Rep. Denny Coffman, Chair and Rep. Derek S.K. Kawakami, Vice Chair-

My name is Michael Lew and I am writing to you as I've learned that there are some bills that directly affect me as I am an owner of an all electric vehicle. I recently purchased a Nissan Leaf in January 2012 and part of my decision making process was the ability to park on streets without paying a meter and parking at the airport without any charges for parking as well.

I am against these new bills to change the benefits of owning an electric vehicle as well as how parking is designated throughout the state.

If we reduce the benefits of owning an electric vehicle, we can never change the consumption patterns of our society and community. Sometimes these small benefits are enough for individuals to make a change. People only change when it suits their lifestyle or could improve it. If there are no additional benefits to owning an electric vehicle, our community will continue their consumption of not being self sustaining for alternative energy.

Please do not change the rules as they apply to electric vehicles.

Sincerely,

Michael Lew

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Tuesday, March 20, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.
Conference Room 325
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SB2746 RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLES

My name is Robert G.F. Lee and I **oppose** this legislation for the following reason:

You do not have enough electric vehicles in this State to offset the purchase of foreign oil. Passing this legislation will dampen the purchase of electric vehicles and have more gas guzzlers on the road. Therefore, the passing of this law, subsidizes terrorism by sending US dollars to Middle East and south American countries that do not like us. Think about what you are doing for national security!

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My name is Aileen Ramos

I **oppose** this legislation for the following reasons.

We purchased the electric vehicle mainly for the benefits promised to us.

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My name is Robert Sowders

I **oppose** this legislation for the following reasons.

As to item 1.

1. Forcing electric vehicle owners to pay for parking in EV charging spots is confusing and only serves to encourage EV owners not to use them. Most municipal charging spots already charge two dollars an hour to charge. Adding parking fees on top of electricity fees makes it more economical to buy a gasoline powered vehicle which completely negates the incentive to buy electric vehicles. When in those spots if they are not charging they are breaking the law anyway so a maximum time for use should be set. A maximum time of four hours should be set, not pay by the hour. Also real fines should be assessed of such a magnitude to deter over use certainly not warning tickets.

As to item 2

2. Two and one half hours is not enough time to do anything and is confusing to the average person. Shopping can take longer, as well as eating at a restaurant or seeing a movie. Sometimes long walks are required to find a charging spot. I've sometimes had to walk several blocks to my appointments. So this should be extended to at least 8 hours.

As to item 3

3. This is nothing but an attempt to exclude all of the best incentives from the program (e.g. Airport, Blaisdell, Zoo, Stadium, etc.). You are leaving no incentives on the table at all with this change. It's directly in opposition to the spirit of the original S.B. 290.

I firmly believe that this attempt to remove all the best incentives from, S.B. 290

is a step backward for Hawaii and is not in the spirit of promoting use of electric vehicles in Hawaii. Most other states have free electricity and free parking for electric vehicles at a minimum.

This appears to be an attempt to disincentives EV owners and potential owners and would most certainly have that effect.

Until a study is done to determine how much these incentives are costing taxpayers there is no reason to change anything. The incentives should be made stronger not weaker.

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My name is Florenda Kalaukoa Batin Figueira

SB2746 HD1 makes a number of changes to reduce the benefits of free parking;

- Eliminates free parking for vehicles parked at an EV charging station
- Limits free meter parking to 2.5 hours or the maximum amount of time the meter allows, whichever is greater
- Limits free parking to 24 hours in lots such as the Airport

I **oppose** this legislation for the following reasons.

My family and I promulgate all efforts in our state in going green.

Before the City & County segregated recyclables we PAID a company to provide a bin and pick up from our home.

We were one of those families who purchased a Prius early on in 2003, while there was still a great uncertainty about hybrids.

We installed solar water heaters and just recently installed photovoltaic to further reduce our dependency on oil and electricity.

As a natural phase to our strategy to reduce energy consumption, we purchased an electric vehicle. It provided additional benefits to fuel conservation which included the free parking, free use of charging stations, and use of the zipper lane. These were benefits we seriously considered when purchasing our electric vehicle. As you know it is very costly to install PV. To consider purchasing an electric vehicle to replace a 1996 Honda Accord that had over 200,000 miles was a decision not made lightly. The benefits your committee is considering reducing are the benefits that we relied upon when we made the EV purchase.

As a family of military service, my husband, son, son-in-law, as well as myself, we have seen island nations that do not plan for their future. Reliance for goods and services from a far, which may or may not come in the advent of a contingency or crisis will only increase our vulnerability. We **MUST** and **SHOULD** encourage all citizens of Hawaii to consider alternate means of energy. As you look to the Energy Strategy for Hawaii, please consider that we are still in the infancy stages of reducing our reliance on fossil fuel. Encouraging others to move to EV can be a game changer and the 'perks' that

come with this large purchase is what I believe will entice others to make this same move. The time is right to use all the benefits you can provide to motivate others to make this change. It is those benefits which I refer to when others question my choice and it is the offset to cost of making a EV rather than a conventional gas powered vehicle.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very respectfully,
Florenda "Dede" K.B. Figueira

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My name is ELEN PUTHIPAN

~~support~~ oppose (choose one) this legislation for the following reasons.

THERE NEEDS TO BE MORE SUPPORT FOR
EV USE. HAWAII SHOULD BE A LEADER,
NOT A FOLLOWER IN THE USE OF EV
TECHNOLOGY & USE. HAWAII IS TOO
DEPENDANT ON IMPORTED FUEL

THERE NEEDS TO BE MORE CHARGING
STATIONS, & PARKING FOR EV.

PLEASE HELP HAWAII LEAD THE WORLD

IN EV USE. LET HAWAII BE AN EXAMPLE
FOR THE WORLD!!!!

THANKS FOR YOUR TIME

