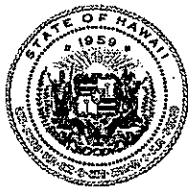


NEIL ABERCROMBIE
GOVERNOR



GLENN M. OKIMOTO
INTERIM DIRECTOR

Deputy Directors
JADE T BUTAY
FORD N. FUCHIGAMI
RANDY GRUNE
JADINE URASAKI

IN REPLY REFER TO:

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
869 PUNCHBOWL STREET
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813-5097

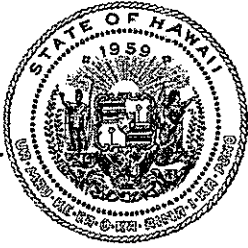
March 29, 2012

S.B. 2746, S.D. 1, H.D. 2
RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLES
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Department of Transportation supports Senate Draft 1, House Draft 2 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.





**DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS,
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM**

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
GOVERNOR

RICHARD C. LIM
DIRECTOR

MARY ALICE EVANS
DEPUTY DIRECTOR

No. 1 Capitol District Building, 250 South Hotel Street, 5th Floor, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 2359, Honolulu, Hawaii 96804
Web site: www.hawaii.gov/dbedt

Telephone: (808) 586-2355
Fax: (808) 586-2377

Statement of
RICHARD C. LIM
Director

Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism
before the

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Thursday, March 29, 2012

12 p.m.

State Capitol, Conference Room 308

in consideration of
SB2746, SD1, HD2
RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLE PARKING.

Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee, and Members of the Committee.

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) **strongly supports** SB2746, SD1, HD2, an Administration Bill, that would address electric vehicle (EV) free parking time limit concerns and update the EV law for clarity, consistency, and enforceability.

SB2746, SD1, HD2 will result in a positive financial impact to the State by setting time restrictions for free parking for EVs. EVs will not be allowed to park for free in increments longer than one 24-hour day, including weekly, monthly or annual parking permits and free parking will be limited to two-and-a-half hours at metered parking or the maximum amount of time the meter allows, whichever is longer.

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.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
GOVERNOR



Dean H. Seki
Acting Comptroller
Jan S. Gouveia
Deputy Comptroller

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING
AND GENERAL SERVICES
P.O. BOX 119
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96810-0119

WRITTEN TESTIMONY
OF
DEAN H. SEKI, ACTING COMPTROLLER
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES
TO THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE
ON
FINANCE
ON
March 29, 2012

S.B. 2746, S.D. 1, H.D. 2

RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLES

Chair Oshiro and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on S.B. 2746, S.D. 1, H.D. 2.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) supports S.B. 2746, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, 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 while not actively charging. The time limitation is crucial to prevent abuse of parking 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 county and state 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.

Council Chair
Danny A. Mateo

Vice-Chair
Joseph Pontanilla

Council Members
Gladys C. Baisa
Robert Carroll
Elle Cochran
Donald G. Couch, Jr.
G. Riki Hokama
Michael P. Victorino
Mike White



Director of Council Services
Ken Fukuoka

COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNTY OF MAUI
200 S. HIGH STREET
WAILUKU, MAUI, HAWAII 96793
www.maui-county.gov/council

TO: The Honorable Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
House Committee on Finance

FROM: Don Couch 
Council Member, South Maui District

DATE: Wednesday, March 28, 2012

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF SB 2746, SD1, HD2, RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLES**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this measure. I provide this testimony as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

The purpose of this measure is to continue to incentivize the use of electric vehicles and make the existing laws pertaining to electric vehicles more readily accessible to the general public by generally codifying the incentives for registration, licensing, parking and the operation of electric vehicles.

I support **SB 2746, SD1, HD2** for the following reasons: 1) the bill addresses electric vehicle free parking time limit concerns, and 2) updates the law for clarity and consistency.

The bill and specifically the amendment restoring the parking fee exemption for electric vehicles parked at an electric vehicle charging station will encourage electric vehicle adoption throughout the state. I urge you to support this measure.

March 27, 2012

TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE ON SENATE BILL NO. SB2746 SD1 HD2

RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLES

Hearing:

Thursday, March 29, 2012

12:00PM

House Conference Room 308

State Capitol

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB2746 SD1 HD2

Aloha Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee and Finance Committee Members;

My name is Michael Snyder and I am the Founder and President of Hawaii's first organized and structured Sustainable Business Corporation. We are a new Renewable Energy Services Company which will as part of our business model will be renting Electric Vehicles, generating, storing and distributing RE, creating a community EV charging network, as well as performing Transportation and RE Research and Development in these emerging industries with partners such as General Motors/OnStar, Ford and General Electric. Our company is a member of the Maui EV Alliance which was named one of the top 5 EV initiatives in 2011, and we will be working with the Japan US Island Maui Smart Grid Project.

Our concern with the Bill as written is the language that says:

§286- Electric vehicles; registration; license plates; parking fee exemptions. (a) The department of transportation may adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91 for the registration of, and issuance of special license plates for, electric vehicles.

We believe that the "may adopt rules" language will give the DOT discretionary decision authority to **NOT** issue EV license plates to **ALL EV's** in the State of Hawai'i, and in my opinion this potential life threatening safety issue should be a **MAJOR CONCERN** for our Fire/Police and first responders!!!

Respectfully we submit this testimony as a statement of our support for SB2746 SD1 HD2.

Mahalo Mr. Chair, Madam Vice Chair and Finance Committee Members for your thoughtful consideration.

Very respectfully submitted,



Michael Snyder
Founder and President
Hawaiian Electric Vehicle Network
Hawaii's first Sustainable Business Corporation

FINTestimony

m: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, March 28, 2012 11:21 AM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: holter@maui.net
Subject: Testimony for SB2746 on 3/29/2012 12:00:00 PM

Testimony for FIN 3/29/2012 12:00:00 PM SB2746

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: lance Holter
Organization: Individual
E-mail: holter@maui.net
Submitted on: 3/28/2012

Comments:

Please amend the language and change to "should adopt rules" to issue DMV EV license plates. EV plates would be important for fire and police in the advent of an emergency and first response.