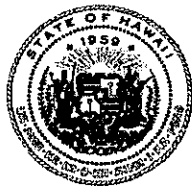


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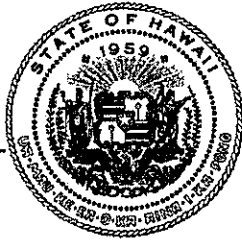
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The Department of Transportation supports Senate Draft 1 of this bill, because it no longer mandates the department to develop administrative rules for registering electric vehicles. Currently rules are not needed.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.





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**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION**

Monday, March 12, 2012
9am
State Capitol, Conference Room 309

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

Chair Souki, Vice Chair Ichiyama, and Members of the Committee.

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

This Bill 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.

DBEDT recommends striking the redundant language on Page 2, Lines 8 and 9, and also proposes that the attached language clarifying the definition of "Electric vehicle" be inserted in the Bill.

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

ATTACHMENT

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) recommends the preferred language on the definition of "Electric vehicle" be inserted in SB 2746 SD1:

(d) For the purposes of this section:

"Electric vehicle" means :

(1) A neighborhood electric vehicle as defined in Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 291C-134 ; or

(2) A vehicle, with four or more wheels, that draws propulsion energy from a battery with at least 4 kilowatt hours of energy storage capacity that can be recharged from an external source of electricity.

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RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLES

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

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) supports S.B. 2746, S.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) 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 comment on this matter.

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FROM: Gary M. Slovin / Mihoko E. Ito

DATE: March 10, 2012

RE: **S.B. 2746, SD1 – Relating to Electric Vehicles**
Hearing Date: Monday, March 12, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.
Conference Room 309

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 **supports the intent**, but would request an amendment to S.B. 2746, SD1, which codifies certain provisions of Act 290, Session Laws of Hawaii 1997, and repeals the rest and authorizes the department of transportation to adopt rules for the registration of, and issuance of license plates for electric vehicles. It further exempts electric vehicles from parking fees under certain conditions, effective January 1, 2013.

Specifically, the Alliance suggests amending the definition of “Electric Vehicle” beginning on Page 3, line 1:

(2) A vehicle, with four or more wheels, that draws propulsion energy from a battery with at least *four* kilowatt hours of energy storage capacity that can be recharged from an external source of electricity.

Changing the battery capacity to four kilowatt hours would make 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.