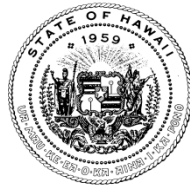


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**RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLES**

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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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**TO:** Senator David Y. Ige  
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**FROM:** Gary M. Slovin

**DATE:** February 22, 2012

**RE:** **S.B. 2746, SD1 – Relating to Electric Vehicles**  
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Dear Chair Ige and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means:

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):

(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.

Changing the battery capacity to 4 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 submit comments on this measure.