

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

862

Honolulu, Hawaii

March

, 2013

RE: H.B. No. 687

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Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2013  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 687  
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to address concerns with  
emergencies involving electric vehicles.

Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Requires the Department of Transportation (Department)  
to study the dangers relating to emergencies involving  
electric vehicles;
- (2) Requires the Department to develop a training program  
for employees responding to emergencies involving  
electric vehicles;
- (3) Requires the Department to submit a report to the  
Legislature; and
- (4) Appropriates funds to the Department to conduct the  
study and develop the training program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Honolulu Police Department; the State Fire Council; the  
Kauai Fire Department; the County of Maui, Department of Fire &

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Public Safety; and the Hawaii Automobile Dealers Association. The Department of Transportation submitted testimony in opposition to this measure.

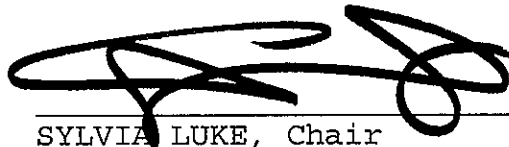
Your Committee finds that electric vehicles present specialized challenges for emergency responders and require specific procedures due to their high voltage use. Your Committee further finds that electric vehicle use in the State is expected to increase over the next ten years. Requiring the Department of Transportation to conduct a study and develop a training program for employees who respond to emergencies involving electric vehicles will help to ensure the safety of first and second responders along with the public.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation amount to an unspecified sum; and
- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2030, to encourage further discussion on the measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 687, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 687, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Finance,



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SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



