

Chairs of ENR, EGH, PSM Committees and Members,

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I am opposed to this measure that mandates installation of two 240 volt stations in each new residence commencing a couple years down the road. Here's why:

1. Does anyone, the industry product marketers, environmentalists, or legislators know the financial condition of the residents who want to build new homes, or can afford two electric cars? With the high cost of building, not sure how much over \$175/sf the costs are now at, and to add the cost of these two 240 volt electric stations, seems to be ignoring the reality on the ground as to the finances of the citizens whom this is supposed to benefit. Or is the intent not the homeowners' benefit? While I agree the three involved entities, the industry marketers, the environmentalists and legislators come differing perspectives, but is not the legislative process to help the most residents in the state?

2. Does anyone know the interests of the homeowners as to whether they're interested in buying 2 electric cars such that they'd be willing to fork up the additional expenses at the front end, when they may not even want them? Who's in the best position to determine what they want to spend their hard earned money on in building their homes? I know it's not the industry marketers, nor the environmentalists. So, why not let the homeowners decide on their own when and if they want to add any electric stations for the electric they may or may not buy.

What I see going on over the past number of years is the influence by the different green energy product marketers and environmentalists pushing their own agendas, in disjointed, isolated fashion. Rather than being pushed every which way, does it not make sense to have ENE and all the associated Committees, along with the Depts of State and Local Govts sit down and attempt to come up with a Statewide Strategic Plan that also incorporates what each county does to promote, in a coordinated way the direction we go as a State. Every year, I see bills being introduced to reduce energy consumption, but not only is it an undisciplined effort, but it really reflects how industry and the environmentalists are using the legislature to do their work. The point is that if all these proposals being offered in these current and past bills were so great, why is it necessary to legislate getting the residents to comply or else? If these proposals were so great, why not let the market forces do their work to promote and sell the ideas to the residents, not just to a handful of representatives to legislate. And if the Rail does well, will we need all the cars we have today, anyway? We need an overarching picture of what we want, how we want it, and when we want it. Might also want to involve HECO, HELCO, and utility monopolies involved as well to have a well managed, directed effort, providing timely actions in pursuing green energy.

Need to think of the homeowners, and please defer this bill.

Sincerely,

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