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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLES.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. Act 164, Session Laws of Hawaii 2015,  
2 established a working group to examine issues regarding requests  
3 made to multiple unit dwellings for the installation of electric  
4 vehicle charging stations. The working group found that there  
5 is no uniform process for installing electric vehicle charging  
6 stations in existing multiple unit dwellings and that each  
7 multiple unit dwelling faces unique challenges when confronted  
8 with the installation process. As a result, flexibility is  
9 required to address the challenges and develop solutions  
10 relating to installing electric vehicle charging stations in  
11 multiple unit dwellings.

12           The working group further found that a significant  
13 impediment to the installation of electric vehicle charging  
14 stations in many multiple unit dwellings is the substantial  
15 costs associated with the installation and upgrade of electric  
16 power infrastructure as many multiple unit dwellings do not  
17 presently have the electric power infrastructure required for  
18 electric vehicle charging stations. The working group found



1 that state assistance is necessary to support the development of  
2 electric vehicle charging infrastructure and recommended the use  
3 of revenues generated from the public benefits fee as a viable  
4 source of funding for the installation and upgrade of electric  
5 power infrastructure to facilitate the use of electric vehicles.

6 The legislature finds that increasing the number of  
7 electric vehicles in Hawaii will help the State reach its clean  
8 energy initiatives and renewable energy portfolio standards goal  
9 of one hundred per cent renewable by 2045. The legislature  
10 further finds that the lack of electric vehicle charging  
11 stations in the State constitutes a significant barrier to the  
12 public's use of electric vehicles. The legislature believes  
13 that increasing the number of electric vehicle charging stations  
14 in the State, including home- and work-based charging stations,  
15 will encourage more consumers to purchase electric vehicles.

16 The purpose of this Act is to authorize the use of the  
17 public benefits fee revenues for the installation and upgrade of  
18 electric power infrastructure to facilitate the use of electric  
19 vehicles by increasing the number of available electric vehicle  
20 charging stations, including home- and work-based charging  
21 stations.



1 The legislature intends that:

2 (1) In implementing this Act, the public benefits fee  
3 administrator be provided with flexibility in issuing  
4 moneys for infrastructure installation and upgrades  
5 for electric vehicle use as each installation may pose  
6 unique challenges;

7 (2) Private funds be used in conjunction with the public  
8 benefits fee for any electric power infrastructure  
9 installation or upgrade to facilitate the use of  
10 electric vehicles, and that the administrator  
11 determine, based on a case-by-case analysis, the  
12 amount of private funds required to be contributed  
13 before fee revenues may be expended for these  
14 purposes; and

15 (3) This Act be implemented without an increase in the  
16 current rate of the public benefits fee.

17 SECTION 2. Section 269-121, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
18 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

19 "(b) The public benefits fee shall be used to [support]:

20 (1) Support clean energy technology, demand response  
21 technology, and energy use reduction, and demand-side

1 management infrastructure, programs, and services[7];  
2 and  
3 (2) Install and upgrade electric power infrastructure to  
4 facilitate the use of electric vehicles; provided that  
5 the fee shall not be used for this purpose unless the  
6 public benefits fee administrator determines in each  
7 case that sufficient private moneys will be  
8 contributed to support the installation and upgrade of  
9 electric power infrastructure; provided that in no  
10 case shall the public benefits fee administrator fund  
11 one hundred per cent of any project; provided further  
12 that the department of business, economic development,  
13 and tourism shall establish a fee for use of electric  
14 power stations to partially offset the costs of  
15 installation;  
16 subject to the review and approval of the public utilities  
17 commission. [~~These moneys~~] The public benefits fee  
18 administrator may establish procedures, which shall not be  
19 subject to chapter 91, for the administration of public benefits  
20 fee programs established under paragraph (2). Moneys from the  
21 public benefits fee shall not be available to meet any current



1 or past general obligations of the State; provided that the  
2 State may participate in any clean energy technology, demand  
3 response technology, or energy use reduction, and demand-side  
4 management infrastructure, programs, and services on the same  
5 basis as any other electric consumer.

6 For the purpose of this subsection [~~,"clean energy~~  
7 ~~technology"~~]:

8 "Clean energy technology" means any commercially available  
9 technology that enables the State to meet the renewable  
10 portfolio standards, established pursuant to section 269-92, or  
11 the energy-efficiency portfolio standards, established pursuant  
12 to section 269-96, and approved by the public utilities  
13 commission by rule or order.

14 "Electric vehicle" means a vehicle, with four or more  
15 wheels, that draws propulsion energy from a battery with at  
16 least four kilowatt hours of energy storage capacity that can be  
17 recharged from an external source of electricity."

18 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
19 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

20 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;  
21 provided that on June 30, 2020, this Act shall be repealed and



1 section 269-121(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall be reenacted  
2 in the form in which it read on the day prior to the effective  
3 date of this Act.

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**Report Title:**

Electric Vehicles; Public Benefits Fee

**Description:**

Authorizes the public benefits fee to be used to install and upgrade electric power infrastructure to facilitate the use of electric vehicles. Clarifies that in no case shall the public benefits fee administrator fund one hundred per cent of any project. Requires the department of business, economic development, and tourism to establish a fee for use of electric power stations to partially offset the costs of installation. Authorizes the public benefits fee administrator to establish procedures for the administration of public benefits fee programs that install or upgrade electric power infrastructure to facilitate the use of electric vehicles. Sunsets on 6/30/2020. (SD1)

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