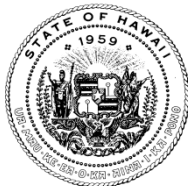


SB704

RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLES.

Clarifies the electric vehicle parking fee exemption for metered and non-metered state or county parking stalls.

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Senate Committee(s) on Transportation and Energy & Environment

The Department of Transportation (DOT) provides **comments** to S.B. 704 which proposes to clarify the exemption for metered parking and to provide a twenty-four hour exemption from charges for weekly, monthly, and annual parking permits.

The DOT comments that it rents parking at set fees on a month to month basis. Exempting parking for one day each of the month is difficult to administer because there are different number of days in a month ranging from 28 days to 31 days. Fees are paid from payroll as a monthly deduction. Prorating one day of no-parking each month 28 days to 31 days means that the driver of the electric vehicle (EV) has to stop the payroll deduction and visit the cashiers office each month to pay by cash or check to renew the parking. Failure to maintain a current monthly parking permit can result in a traffic citation. Therefore to save \$3.33 per \$100.00 in monthly parking fee, the EV driver if not dilligent, could receive a parking ticket in excess of the savings.

The DOT appreciates the intent of the bill. However, to administer the bill, there is a unintended burden placed on the EV owner to obtain the prorated monthly benefit.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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in consideration of
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RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLES.

Chairs Nishihara and Gabbard, Vice Chairs Harimoto and Green, and Members of the Committees.

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) supports SB 704, which makes non-substantive amendments to Act 168, Session Laws of Hawaii 2012, Section 2. This Act provides Electric Vehicles (EV) free parking at State and County facilities under certain restrictions and exemptions for high occupancy vehicle lanes.

DBEDT supports this bill as its non-substantive, technical amendments will clarify current ambiguities in the law.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments regarding SB 704.



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SENATE COMMITTEES ON TRANSPORTATION AND ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT
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RE: SB 704 - Relating to Electric Vehicles - In Support, Requesting Amendment

Dear Chairs Nishihara and Gabbard, Vice Chairs Harimoto and Green and Members of the Committees:

My name is Murray Clay and I am Managing Partner of the Ulupono Initiative, a Hawai'i-based impact investment company that strives to improve the quality of life for the people of Hawai'i by working toward solutions that create more locally grown food, increase clean, renewable energy, and waste reduction.

Ulupono supports SB 704, which clarifies the electric vehicle parking fee exemption for metered and non-metered state or county parking stalls. Promoting and incentivizing electric vehicles will help us to reduce our imported fossil fuel usage.

We also suggest adding an amendment to strengthen the current law regarding the number of stalls dedicated for electric vehicles. The goal of SB 704 is to incentivize electric vehicle usage. Both exempting parking fees and ensuring an adequate number of electric vehicle parking stalls can help to achieve this goal. Act 89 states that places of public accommodation with at least one hundred parking spaces available for use by the general public shall have at least one parking space exclusively for electric vehicles and equipped with an electric vehicle charging system located anywhere in the parking structure or lot by July 1, 2012. Unfortunately, there was no enforcement provision in that Act relating to the stalls in a parking structure. We propose adding enforcement and penalty provisions for violations of Act 89. Currently, County Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) has the jurisdiction to issue permits for new parking structures. As part of that permitting process, it should be required for DPP to enforce the electric vehicle parking and charging system requirements. We have discussed this provision with DPP and they agree with it.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide comments. We ask for your favorable consideration in passing this measure with our requested amendment.

Respectfully,

Murray Clay

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