

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

February 17, 2017

RE: H.B. No. 738  
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2017  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Transportation and Labor & Public  
Employment, to which was referred H.B. No. 738 entitled:

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

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to promote sustainable  
transportation by:

- (1) Granting procurement priority for fuel cell electric  
vehicles for state and county vehicle purchases; and
- (2) Amending the definition of "electric vehicles" to  
include fuel cell electric vehicles for purposes of  
parking exemptions, high occupancy vehicle lane use,  
registration, and required parking spaces in places of  
public accommodation.

The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism,  
Department of Transportation, Blue Planet Foundation, Alliance of  
Automobile Manufacturers, Hawaii Energy Policy Forum, Hawaii  
Automobile Dealers' Association, and three concerned individuals  
supported this measure. The State Procurement Office provided  
comments.

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Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the definition of "fuel cell electric vehicle" to mean a zero-emission electric vehicle that uses a fuel cell to convert hydrogen gas and oxygen into electricity that is used in a vehicle powertrain for propulsion; and
- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Transportation and Labor & Public Employment that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 738, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 738, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Transportation  
and Labor & Public Employment,

  
AARON LING JOHANSON, Chair

  
HENRY J.C. AQUINO, Chair





