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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONSIDER AS PART
OF ITS ROAD USAGE CHARGE, INCENTIVES FOR ALTERNATIVE FUEL
VEHICLES SUCH AS A DISCOUNT OR REBATE.

1 WHEREAS, the number of alternative fuel vehicles, such as
2 electric, hybrid, or hydrogen-powered vehicles continues to
3 increase in Hawaii; and
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5 WHEREAS, because of the increase in the number of
6 alternative fuel vehicles, the State has experienced a decrease
7 in revenues from taxes on gasoline; and
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9 WHEREAS, because taxes on gasoline are used to fund
10 transportation infrastructure, the increase in alternative fuel
11 vehicles has caused a decrease in funding for transportation
12 infrastructure; and
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14 WHEREAS, in response to the decrease in funding, the Hawaii
15 Department of Transportation (HDOT) is conducting the Hawaii
16 Road Usage Charge Demonstration (HiRUC), which will implement a
17 Road Usage Charge that would tax a vehicle owner based on the
18 number of miles a vehicle has been driven rather than through
19 gasoline taxes; and
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21 WHEREAS, the HiRUC will be a three-year demonstration
22 project to allow drivers to experience paying a Road Usage
23 Charge rather than gasoline taxes and for the HDOT to receive
24 meaningful feedback on the program; and
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26 WHEREAS, drivers who purchase alternative fuel vehicles
27 often do so because they do not have to use gasoline, and
28 thereby avoid paying gasoline taxes, those drivers may oppose
29 the implementation of a Road Usage Charge; and
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31 WHEREAS, in order to reach its goal of generating one
32 hundred percent of its energy from renewable sources by the year



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1 2045, the State should continue to promote and encourage the
2 adoption and widespread use of alternative fuel vehicles; and
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4 WHEREAS, therefore, as part of the HiRUC program, the HDOT
5 should evaluate and consider including incentives for these
6 types of vehicles to reduce the impact of the imposition of a
7 new Road Usage Charge; now, therefore,
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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature
10 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2020, the House of
11 Representatives concurring, that the Department of
12 Transportation consider as part of its Hawaii Road Usage Charge
13 program, incentives for alternative fuel vehicles, which could
14 include a discount or rebate from the Road Usage Charge that
15 could be phased-out over a period of time; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
18 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and
19 Director of the Department of Transportation.
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