

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 18 2021

RE: S.B. No. 798
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Government Operations, to which was referred S.B. No. 798 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to prohibit the purchase of any new vehicles powered by internal combustion engines for the State's motor pools beginning January 1, 2022.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii State Energy Office, Ulupono Initiative, 350Hawaii.org, Americans for Democratic Action, KauaiEV, Mission Zero Hawaii, Hawaii Electric Vehicle Association, and three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Accounting and General Services and Department of Education.

Your Committee finds that to meet the State's goal of one hundred percent renewable energy by 2045, it is essential to reduce carbon emissions by beginning the conversion of the State's motor pools to zero emission vehicles (ZEVs) as soon as practicable. According to testimony received by your Committee, the conversion will require significant upgrades of state infrastructure to ensure adequate electrical capacity for ZEVs, which requires significant financing. The State operates



approximately five thousand vehicles through various agencies, which operate their own motor pools and manage their own expenses to support their respective fleets. Your Committee further finds that the Department of Accounting and General Services' (DAGS) motor pool program is a logical place to facilitate the use of ZEVs statewide.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that all new vehicles purchased for the DAGS' motor pool program rather than the State's motor pools, be ZEVs; and
- (2) Requiring DAGS, in coordination with other state agencies, to submit a plan to convert the State's motor pool fleet to ZEVs to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2022.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 798, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 798, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Government
Operations,




SHARON MORIWAKI, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-First Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Government Operations
GVO

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 798	Committee Referral: GVO, WAM	Date: 2/11/2021		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (C)	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (VC)	/			
CHANG, Stanley	/			
GABBARD, Mike	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt				/
TOTAL	4			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes