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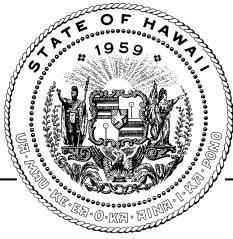
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE
ON
CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE
Thursday, February 18, 2021, 2:00 P.M.

HOUSE BILL 424, HD1
RELATING TO PROCUREMENT OF CONTRACTS FOR VEHICLE RENTAL

Chair Johanson, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on HB424, HD1.

The State Procurement Office (SPO) appreciates that the House Draft 1 of this bill reflects comments we made in previous testimony.

Thank you.



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Testimony of
SCOTT J. GLENN, Chief Energy Officer

before the
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE

Thursday, February 18, 2021
2:00 P.M.
House conference room 329 via videoconference

In SUPPORT of
HB 424 HD1
RELATING TO PROCUREMENT OF CONTRACTS FOR VEHICLE RENTAL.

Chair Johanson, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee, the Hawaii State Energy Office (HSEO) supports HB 424 HD1, which requires all state and county entities, when renting a vehicle on behalf of a state employee in the discharge of official government business, to rent electric or hybrid vehicles, in order of preference, provided that such a vehicle is suitable for the specific travel requirements and available when needed.

HB 424 HD1 aligns with the State's efforts to expand strategies and mechanisms to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through the reduction of energy use, adoption of renewable energy, and control of air pollution among all agencies, departments, industries, and sectors, including transportation.

Emissions from ground transportation account for the largest share of energy sector emissions in the state. As noted in the 2016 Greenhouse Gas Inventory, transportation emissions in Hawaii were at 8.69 million metric tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalents, accounting for 51 percent of total energy sector emissions. Ground transportation accounted for 47 percent of the transportation emissions. For Hawaii to meet its target to sequester more greenhouse gases than emitted as soon as

practicable but no later than 2045, programs that support the adoption of cleaner transportation options are necessary and tremendously important.

The adoption and widespread deployment of electric vehicles is an essential component toward reducing Hawaii's dependence on fossil fuels. Requiring all state and county entities, when renting a vehicle, to prioritize the rental of electric vehicles will put state agencies at the forefront of energy independence and greenhouse gas emissions reduction efforts. This requirement will provide an important market signal to prospective vehicle rental contractors, making it clear that demand for electric vehicle rentals exists and the State is committed to renting these vehicles as they are incorporated into vehicle rental fleets.

Electric vehicle rental prioritization for state and county employees is one of the recommended petroleum reduction tactics identified on page 9 of the Hawaii Clean Energy Initiative Transportation Energy Analysis, prepared for HSEO by the International Council on Clean Transportation. Incorporating electric vehicles into vehicle rental fleets will markedly increase exposure to electric vehicles, which can boost acceptance and adoption of electric vehicles by familiarizing travelers with the technology and operating characteristics of the vehicles.

HD1 moves the preference for the rental of electric vehicle or hybrid vehicles by government employees out of the Procurement Code and into section 196-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes, addressing concerns raised by the State Procurement Office. As amended this bill would allow for the State to promulgate updated travel rules that require all state entities, when renting a vehicle on behalf of a state employee in the discharge of official government business, to rent electric or hybrid vehicles, in order of preference, provided that such a vehicle is suitable for the specific travel requirements and available when needed. HSEO is ready and able to support this effort.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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February 17, 2021

TO: The Honorable Aaron Ling Johanson, Chair
The Honorable Lisa Kitagawa, Vice Chair
House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

FROM: Gabe Johnson
Councilmember

DATE: February 17, 2021

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF FEBRUARY 18, 2021; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF
HB424, RELATING TO PROCUREMENT OF CONTRACTS FOR VEHICLE
RENTALS**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is reduce the reliance on fossil fuels and be leaders in reversing climate change.

Costal erosion and devastating storms are becoming common place for our islands due to climate change. Our continued reliance on fossil fuels only exacerbates this issue.

As government officials, we should be doing all that we can to lead by example and reduce our own reliance on them.

It is for these reasons that I am writing in **full support** of this bill.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Gabe Johnson".

Councilmember Gabe Johnson

HB-424-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/17/2021 1:39:19 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/18/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David Mulinix	Our Revolution Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair and Committee,

On behalf of Our Revolution Hawaii's 7,000 members and supporters, we are in STRONG SUPPORT of passing HB424.

With the growing Climate Crisis it is essential that we move as quickly as possible off of fossil fuel vehicles to clean renewable energy vehicles. This bill is an excellent step in the right direction.

Mahalo for your kind attention.

Dave Mulinix

Statewide Community Organizer

Our Revolution Hawaii

HB-424-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/17/2021 1:51:31 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/18/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sherry Pollack	350Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:

350Hawaii strongly supports HB424 HD1 that requires all agencies of the State when renting a vehicle on behalf of a state employee conducting official government business to adopt a preference for renting electric vehicles or hybrid vehicles; provided that such a vehicle is suitable for the specific travel requirements and available when needed.

This bill would reduce Hawaii's use of gasoline and internal combustion engines and help move us to a cleaner future that will help mitigate the climate crisis.

Zero-emission vehicles are better for the environment and the economy. They are the future for Hawaii and requiring all state agencies to adopt a preference for the rental of an electric vehicle is a logical place to accelerate progress on EV adoption statewide.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in STRONG support of this very important legislation.

HB-424-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/17/2021 1:53:09 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/18/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ted Bohlen	Climate Protectors Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:

Climate Protectors **STRONGLY SUPPORT HB424! We need to transition the State to electric vehicles in order to mitigate the climate crisis and this bill would help move in that direction!**



Environmental Caucus of The Democratic Party of Hawai'i

Thursday, February 18, 2021, 2:00 pm

House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce

HOUSE BILL 424 – RELATING TO PROCUREMENT OF CONTRACTS FOR RENTAL VEHICLES

Position: Strong Support

Me ke Aloha, Chair Aaron Johanson, Vice-Chair Lisa Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce:

HB 424 amends HRS Chapter 196 - Energy Resources, to give preference to electric or hybrid vehicles when State employees rent a vehicle. Several added definitions clarify the circumstances for these rentals, and provide flexibility during the coming years during the transition to the all-electric fleet and the rise in consumer preference for electric vehicles. The Environmental Caucus is in full support of this effort, and acknowledges earlier comments to amend, as necessary, to address the proper statute for these specifications.

Currently, charging stations are being installed in State facilities, and we anticipate incentives for the public consumer fleet to follow, with greater access to electric vehicles and the necessary charging stations. Several auto manufacturers have committed to phasing out internal combustion engines in the coming years, and several truck manufacturers now have electric trucks in the most popular sizes.

HB 424 supplements the transition to an all-electric fleet for State agencies, embodied in HB 552. The related bill proposes to power 100% of the State light vehicle fleet by renewable energy by 2035, with planning for charging stations. With carbon emissions driving climate change, continuing to accelerate as we deliberate, we note that the transportation sector is by far the greatest contributor to greenhouse gases in Hawaii. It is therefore incumbent upon the State to provide the leadership in transforming our transportation sector, thereby encouraging private industry to follow.

Conversion to renewable fuels also means supporting vehicles at cheaper maintenance costs. Reducing our fossil fuel use means a very large portion of Hawaii's wealth remains in the State rather than being exported to fossil fuel producers. HB 424 provides additional incentive for full build-out of Hawaii's renewable fuels infrastructure, affecting the general market for electric vehicles to decelerate statewide use of fossil fuels.

This bill is supported by the State Department of Transportation and by Hawaiian Electric Company, as well as the broad spectrum of grass roots organizations interested in promoting environmental awareness. Significantly, the conversion of Hawaii's vehicle culture to electric vehicles raises the awareness of the broad driving public regarding carbon emissions and environmental protection generally, and the fragility of our island ecosystems.

The Environmental Caucus strongly supports this bill; mahalo for the opportunity to address this issue.

/s/ Charley Ice, Co-Chair, Energy and Climate Action Committee, Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party



**Hawaiian
Electric**

**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE**

HB 424, HD1

Relating to Procurement of Contracts for Vehicle Rental

February 18, 2021

2:00 PM, Agenda Item # 3

State Capitol, Conference Room 329 / VIDEO CONFERENCE

June Chee

Program Manager, Electrification of Transportation
Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.

Aloha Chair Johanson, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Committee Members,

My name is June Chee and I am testifying on behalf of Hawaiian Electric Company in **support of HB424 HD1**, relating to procurement of contracts for vehicle rental. Hawaiian Electric Company supports this measure as it aligns with and will help to bolster many of the Company's electrification of transportation initiatives.

HB424, HD1 encourages the State to be a leader in clean transportation and sends a strong, yet supportive, signal to car rental companies and indirectly the tourism industry. If passed, this bill will encourage car rental companies to add electric vehicles to their vehicle fleets with the confidence of having consistent EV rental clientele. It would also allow residents and visitors to experience electric vehicles while staying in Hawaii.

Hawaiian Electric's public charging program and upcoming proposed expansion is designed to support these such needs. If passed, this bill would create positive momentum in developing much needed charging infrastructure throughout the State. It would encourage program participation from rental car facilities, airports, hotels, state

facilities, and commercial sites throughout our service territory as additional charging infrastructure and charging stations would be needed at these locations to support electric vehicle rentals.

Hawaiian Electric supports the proliferation of zero-emission vehicles and recognizes the importance and positive impact this bill can play. As the largest provider of EV fast charging in the state, Hawaiian Electric Company remains committed to EV strategies that are sustainable and help create a bridge to a cleaner future.

Accordingly, Hawaiian Electric Company supports HB424, HD1. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Hawaii Electric Vehicle Association

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February 17, 2021

Dear Chair Johanson, Vice-Chair Kitagawa, and Consumer Protection and Commerce Committee members,

Hawaii Electric Vehicle Association is in SUPPORT of HB424 HD1.

For Hawaii to achieve its sustainable transportation and climate goals, it must quickly electrify its ground transportation. Automakers have heeded the demand for zero-emission vehicles and are now providing consumers with a wider choice of affordable electric vehicles (EVs).

We are supportive of HB424 HD1 as it will encourage increased adoption of zero-emission vehicles. It will allow our state to demonstrate leadership by requiring a clean transportation preference by its agents when renting vehicles. This demand for EVs will provide rental fleet providers with the incentive to increase their fleet of zero-emission vehicles.

The impact halo – increased availability of EVs for the renting public and tourists and increased incentive for local businesses to offer EV charging – will serve to further accelerate our transition away from fossil fuel.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in Support of HB424 HD1.

Sincerely,

Noel Morin - President

HB-424-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/17/2021 9:23:29 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/18/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sylvia Dolena	Pele Lani Farm LLC	Support	No

Comments:

State officials should seek out hybrid or electric vehicles first when renting vehicles for official government business to deter any impact on use of fossil fuel. Save the environment. We can go extinct too.

Sylvia Dolena

Pele Lani Farm LLC

HB-424-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/17/2021 11:24:40 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/18/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Thomas Brandt	Foresight/Policy Analysis	Support	No

Comments:

Support.



DATE: February 17, 2021

TO: Representative Aaron Johanson
Chair, Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce

FROM: Mihoko Ito

RE: **H.B. 424 H.D.1, Relating to Procurement of Contracts for Vehicle Rental**
Hearing Date: Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.
Conference Room: 329, Via Videoconference

Dear Chair Johanson, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and members of the Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce:

We submit this testimony on behalf of Enterprise Holdings, which includes Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Alamo Rent-A-Car, National Car Rental, and Enterprise Commute (Van Pool). Enterprise **supports the intent** of H.B. 424, Relating to Procurement of Contracts for Vehicle Rental, which requires all agencies of the State, when renting a vehicle on behalf of a state employee conducting official government business, to adopt a preference for renting electric vehicles or hybrid vehicles; provided that such a vehicle is suitable for the specific travel requirements and available when needed.

Enterprise is a leader in sustainability in its industry and has been committed to making efforts to incorporate sustainable transportation into its fleet. When electric vehicles first came onto the market, Enterprise launched a new program in Hawaii to incorporate electric vehicles into its fleet and put them out for rent. Despite the significant investment in EVs, consumer-driven demand for these vehicles was unsuccessful. As a practical matter, the rental car industry is driven by market demand.

Enterprise supports this measure because, rather than enact a mandate on the rental car industry, the bill encourages and incentivizes demand for electric vehicle rentals when the government uses rental cars. We believe that, as transportation heads in the direction of electric vehicles, these types of policies will make local residents more comfortable with the use of electric vehicles and encourage the rollout of needed infrastructure.

We also support the H.D.1 version of this measure because it removes the mandate requiring rental contractors to have a sufficient number of vehicles available.

For the above reasons, we support the intent of this measure. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this bill.

HB-424-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/17/2021 1:01:19 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/18/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Will Caron	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha committee members,

I support HB424. Our government should be doing everything it can to reduce its carbon footprint, and simple practices like choosing electric vehicles over fossil fuel ones whenever possible is an easy step in the right direction.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

HB-424-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/17/2021 1:03:40 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/18/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
autumn ness	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I fully support HB424. Our climate crisis needs to be addressed in all ways possible, now. HB424 will mean that our agencies and staff will be setting an example by using electric vehicles whenever possible. It will also mean that people who have never driven an electric vehicle will have the opportunity, through their work related travel, to drive one and get to know how functional they are.

HB-424-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/17/2021 1:14:17 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/18/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Eric Schrager	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair and Honorable Committee Members,

I am writing to express my strong support for HB 424. We must demonstrate our commitment to renewable energy by using electric and hybrid vehicles for any official state government business.

Please vote to pass this important measure?

Mahalo!

Eric Schrager

Ewa Beach

HB-424-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/17/2021 1:15:34 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/18/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jennifer Kagiwada	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support HB424 because it helps move us closer to carbon neutrality and is good for the environment. Government and its employees can and should lead the way on adopting a preference for renting electric or hybrid vehicles especially when on official government business.

Mahalo

HB-424-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/17/2021 1:21:02 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/18/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kai Nishiki	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Very supportive of this bill. All rental car companies in Hawaii should be required to transition at least 50 % of inventory to EV/Hybrid vehicles.

~Kai Nishiki

HB-424-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/17/2021 1:26:51 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/18/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nedi McKnight	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Support with the following reservations: This bill is not strong enough. In place of 'preference' there should be a scaled timeline allowing initially for preference but increasing to mandatory by within 5 years.

HB-424-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/17/2021 1:28:27 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/18/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jennifer Mather	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Committee Chair & Committee Members,

My name is Jen Mather. I am in support of this measure and believe it is another step toward net zero emissions which the State of Hawai'i has been advocating for in the fight against climate change. Leading the way by action and forethought will ensure our citizens choose the same route.

Mahalo,

Jen Mather

HB-424-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/17/2021 1:29:50 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/18/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mark A. Koppel	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF HB424 HD1

MARK KOPPEL

UMAUMA, HI

Aloha Legislators,

This is no-brainer. We want to lower pollution in our air, water and land.

One way to really help is with electric cars. They are getting cheaper all the time, and are much cheaper to run.

Mahalo

HB-424-HD-1

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Testimony for CPC on 2/18/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jeff Mcknight	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

We need to reduce our carbon footprint immediately. Prioritizing electric vehicles for government rentals will reduce the use of gas engines and help mitigate the impacts of climate change.

HB-424-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/17/2021 1:38:43 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/18/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Becky Gardner	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support. No one can argue that a preference for fuel savings on government business is a bad idea.

HB-424-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/17/2021 1:43:18 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/18/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sherri Thal	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

This Bill is a "no brainer" to support, as Hawaii State must move away from fossil fuel dependence now. What better way to show by example than for government workers to rent electric vehicles? It sets a great precedence! Please support this bill.

Mahalo,

Sherri Thal, Kea'au, HI 96749

HB-424-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/17/2021 1:44:48 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/18/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Shannon Rudolph	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Support

HB-424-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/17/2021 1:54:16 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/18/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
carol lee kamekona	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am in support of this Bill requiring rental of Electric vehicles to all elected officials conducting official governmental business.

HB-424-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/17/2021 1:57:45 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/18/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Richard Michaels	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I have been an electric car owner for 5 years. It is a joy to drive. But most importantly, the cost is miniscule compared to internal combustion engines. Charging is less expensive than gasoline. Maintenance is almost nothing - there are no moving parts. No emission pollution. Please pass HB424.

HB-424-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/17/2021 2:19:03 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/18/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ashleigh Loa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please support HB424!

HB-424-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/17/2021 2:27:45 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/18/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rob Weltman	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Switching vehicle usage from ones powered by fossil fuels to electric vehicles will help reduce greenhouse gas production in Hawaii. Ground transportation accounts for about 40% of greenhouse gas production in the state. Leading by example will encourage the rental companies to switch over more their fleets to EVs, making it easier for individuals to rent an EV. Please support this bill.

HB-424-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/17/2021 3:28:35 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/18/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Shay Chan Hodges	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

If we are going to meet the state's carbon neutral goals, we need to take concrete simple steps to decrease our fossil fuel use. Please pass HB424.

HB-424-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/17/2021 4:34:13 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/18/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Christopher Dean	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Of course, you need to always choose the most moral path in life. That means, you buy local organic food first, shipped organic food second, conventional local food third and as a last resort, mainstream poison food. The same goes for this, you must always drive an EV when you can, at work and at home. It's millions of small choices we make like this that will result in the mitigation of the worst crisis this planet has seen in 65 million years. You can and you will do this, for your children and for all life on Earth. Thank you. <3

HB-424-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/17/2021 4:40:46 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/18/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Harriet Burkholder	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please support this bill. It will help us in Hawaii move away from using fossil fuels by supporting the use of electric vehicles.

HB-424-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/17/2021 5:19:12 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/18/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Justin Mark Hideaki Salisbury	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

This bill is a good step in the right direction.

We need to focus on climate change when we make decisions and design state systems in ways that help with climate change.

When we use state money to rent vehicles, we should prioritize electric vehicles.

I am a blind person, and some people think that we are opposed to electric vehicles. My perception is that we are not. We simply want the electric vehicles to emit a minimum amount of sound so that we will know when a car is approaching us. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has now issued "Minimum Sound Requirements for Hybrid And Electric Vehicles," so this will be addressed. It is my personal hope that the electric vehicles in Hawaii will become compliant with those minimum sound requirements so that the electric vehicles that our State is using will be safe for all pedestrians.

Please join me in supporting this bill.

Mahalo!

Justin MH Salisbury

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Submitted on: 2/17/2021 5:19:15 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/18/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
jeanne wheeler	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

It'd be wonderful to see state agencies promote cleaner vehicle use!

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Submitted on: 2/17/2021 5:25:10 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/18/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sulara James	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am in favor of this, though I believe it should happen as soon as is possible rather than 2050!

HB-424-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/17/2021 5:30:12 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/18/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Scott Young MD	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this and it should be effective immediately as we are in a climate crisis.
Mahalo

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Submitted on: 2/17/2021 6:37:13 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/18/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
janice palma-glennie	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

mahalo for supporting this bill which would help move our state to zero emissions.

janice palma-glennie

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Submitted on: 2/17/2021 6:49:13 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/18/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joseph Brown III	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair and Members of the Committee,

I support this measure. In staying consistent with our State's renewable energy goals and mandate to reach 100% renewable energy generation by 2045, this bill helps our government lead by example.

Mahalo,

Joey Brown

Kailua, 96734

HB-424-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/17/2021 8:04:59 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/18/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Megan Lamson Leatherman	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Mahalo for your support of this climate-friendly and forward thinking proposed house bill 424!

HB-424-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/17/2021 8:05:08 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/18/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sarah Sexton	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Sarah Sexton and I am a resident of Maui County, submitting written testimony in support of Bill HB424 HD1. It's no secret that now more than ever, we are in a race against the clock to curb and/or reverse the damage humans have inflicted upon the earth. If we want our children and grandchildren to have a future on this planet, we musn't get discouraged by our past failures, but rather take every step that we can towards the restoration and sustainability of our environment. One of those steps has presented itself in the form of this bill, mandating all county workers to use electric or hybrid vehicles when in need of a rental for business purposes, any time possible. I'm in support of this bill and believe that it is a great step in the right direction.

This is one of the moments, that as leaders, you get to set an example that caring for our earth and the future of our keiki, is a top priority to the community of Maui County. Mahalo for your time and attention on such an important matter.

HB-424-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/17/2021 8:16:04 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/18/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Angela Huntmer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Steps in the right direction. State should also start buying EVs.

HB-424-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/17/2021 8:29:33 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/18/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Calvin Foo Pham	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support.

HB-424-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/17/2021 8:31:27 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/18/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Andrea Nandoskar	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please support HB424 HD1. We must do everything possible to reduce carbon emissions and government agencies can adopt reasonable and impactful actions such as favoring electric and hybrid rental cars to help move us in the right direction.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Testimony of Robin Knox RE: HB424

I support House Bill 424

During the pandemic I noticed the sky was clear and visibility was better than I have seen it in 15 years on Maui. I believe this is due to the reduction in fossil fuel burning that resulted from less airplanes and less cars on the road due to the lockdown. I also noted that I could breathe easier and had less respiratory symptoms. I have asthma In Hawaii 36.000 keiki, and 76.000 adults suffer from asthma. Native Hawaiians are diagnosed with asthma at higher rates than any other ethnic group.

Nitrogen oxides and sulfur dioxides are emissions byproduct of all fossil fuel consumption and can make people more susceptible to asthma and chronic respiratory 2problems. These compounds also combine to form acid rain which can harm plants and aquatic life, and smog which causes poor air quality and diminishes visibility. Burning of fossil fuels also produces mercury emissions which bioaccumulate in fish, resulting in advisories to limit fish consumption.

Thus, fossil fuel emissions cause direct harm to the people of Hawaii, resulting in air and water pollution that directly impacts human health and aquatic life. Native Hawaiians are most affected both health-wise, and through contamination of fisheries that are part of traditional subsistence practices.

The State of Hawaii should take a leadership role in reducing fossil fuel emissions from all sources including fossil fuel powered automobiles. State dollars should not be spent on practices that bring harm to the people and natural resources of Hawaii. The demand for electric rental cars that would result from this bill will make more such vehicles available in the islands and be a first step forward leading the way toward cleaner energy to protect the health and welfare of the people of Hawaii.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cory Harden	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha legislators,

Please support this no-brainer, minimal effort way to support getting off fossil fuels.

mahalo,

Cory Harden

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kristen Alice	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Moving away from gasoline is the responsible choice for our future and our planet. This bill is the opportunity for the government to lead by example, and I strongly urge your support!

Mahalo nui,

Kristen Alice

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Testimony for CPC on 2/18/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ryan Christopher	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill. Electric cars are better for the environment and the state needs to lead by example. Electric cars are also cheaper to maintain and cost less to run. This would be a savings for the state.