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Testimony of  
**SCOTT J. GLENN, Chief Energy Officer**

before the  
**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

Tuesday, March 2, 2021  
11:00 A.M.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 308 &  
Via Videoconference

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

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the Committee, the Hawaii State Energy Office (HSEO) supports HB 424 HD1, 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.

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 (EVs) is an essential element needed to reduce Hawaii's dependence on fossil fuels. Requiring all state entities to prioritize the rental of EVs, when renting a vehicle, will put state agencies at the forefront of energy independence and greenhouse gas emissions reduction efforts. There are currently very few EVs or hybrid electric vehicles (HEVs) available for rental in Hawaii. This prioritization requirement will provide a considerable impetus for vehicle rental contractors to add EVs and HEVs to their fleets. In 2019, state employees completed nearly 13,000 compact vehicle rentals. These rentals had an average duration of 1.5 days and averaged fewer than 200 miles travelled. This rental profile can be served by most standard EVs and HEVs currently available.

Potential budgetary impacts for the State are mitigated by the current availability of EVs and the rental car companies' challenge of adding sufficient charging infrastructure for a large number of EVs at each of the airport rental car facilities across the state. The potential budgetary impacts to individual agencies are mitigated by the bill's proposed amendment to Section 196-9 (c)(10)(C), which states that an agency shall exercise the policy preference for rental of an electric vehicle or hybrid vehicle provided that the cost premium is consistent with any budgetary constraint. This bill will provide an important market signal to prospective vehicle rental contractors, making it clear that demand for EV and HEV rentals currently exists and the State is committed to renting these vehicles as they are incorporated into vehicle rental fleets.

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.

**HB-424-HD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Helen Cox	Kauai Climate Action Coalition	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Kakou,

I am writing to strongly support HB424 HD1 requiring 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.

Establishing a a priority for electric vehicles for government vehicle rentals will not only reduce Hawaii's use of gasoline and internal combustion engines, but it also helps to show the way to a cleaner vehicle future that will help mitigate the climate crisis.

In addition to being better for the environment, zero-emission vehicles environment will save taxpayers money that would be spent on gasoline. 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.

As a proud owner of an EV, I can honestly say that although the initial cost was high, the fact that I no longer pay for gasoline or repairs on a gas engine, the choice to move to an EV made not just environmental but also economic sense. As the price of EVs comes down and the technology improves, the economic case for zero-emission vehicles for all drivers becomes stronger and stronger. And it is clearly the right thing to do if want our children and grandchildren to have a livable world. This bill helps us move in that direction.

Mahalo,

Helen Cox

Chair, Kauai Climate Action Coalition

**HB-424-HD-1**

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Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2021 11:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ted Bohlen	Climate Protectors Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:

To: The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair,

The Honorable Ty Cullen, Vice Chair, and Members of the

House Committee on Finance

From: Climate Protectors Hawaii (by Ted Bohlen)

Re: Hearing **HB424 HD1– RELATING TO PROCUREMENT OF CONTRACTS FOR VEHICLE RENTAL**

Tuesday March 2, 2021, 11:00 a.m., CR 308 and by videoconference

**Position: STRONG SUPPORT of HB424 HD1 RELATING TO PROCUREMENT OF CONTRACTS FOR VEHICLE RENTAL!**

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and members of the Finance Committee:

The Climate Protectors Hawaii strongly supports HB424 HD1. The Climate Protectors Hawaii is a group focused on reversing the climate crisis. As a tropical island State, Hawaii will be among the first places harmed by the global climate crisis, with more intense storms, loss of protective coral reefs, food insecurity, and rising sea levels destroying our shorelines. We must do all we can to reduce our carbon footprint and become carbon negative as soon as possible.

The purpose of this bill is to require all state agencies to adopt a preference for the rental of an electric vehicle or hybrid vehicle for those occasions when a vehicle must be rented for state employees conducting official government business.

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 account for 51 percent of total energy sector emissions and 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.

Please pass this important bill! Mahalo!

Climate Protectors Hawaii (by Ted Bohlen)

## Hawaii Electric Vehicle Association

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February 28, 2021

Dear Chair Luke, Vice-Chair Cullen, and Finance Committee members,

### **Hawaii Electric Vehicle Association is in STRONG 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.

Sincerely,

Noel Morin - President

**HB-424-HD-1**

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Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2021 11:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
David Mulinix	Our Revolution Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Committee,

On behalf of Our Revolution Hawaii's 7,000 members and supporters, we are in SUPPORT of HB424. This bill is important because EVs play a key role in our transition to 100% clean energy. HB424 establishes a priority for electric vehicles for government vehicle rentals. This will not only reduce Hawaii's use of gasoline and internal combustion engines, but help show the way to a cleaner vehicle future that will help mitigate the climate crisis.

Please pass this important legislation.

Mahalo for your kind attention,

Dave Mulinix,

Cofounder & Hawaii State Community Organizer

Our Revolution Hawaii



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GOVERNMENT STRATEGIES

A LIMITED LIABILITY LAW PARTNERSHIP

DATE: March 1, 2021

TO: Representative Sylvia Luke  
Chair, Committee on Finance

FROM: Mihoko Ito

RE: **H.B. 424 H.D.1, Relating to Procurement of Contracts for Vehicle Rental  
Hearing Date: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.  
Conference Room: 308, Via Videoconference**

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and members of the Committee on Finance:

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.





**Hawaiian  
Electric**

**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON  
FINANCE**

**HB 424, HD1**

**Relating to Procurement of Contracts for Vehicle Rental**

March 2, 2021

11:00 AM, Agenda # 27

State Capitol, Conference Room 308 / VIDEO CONFERENCE

Michael Colón  
Manager, Electrification of Transportation  
Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Committee Members,

My name is Michael Colón 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 supports HB424, HD1. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

**HB-424-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/26/2021 11:32:13 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2021 11:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Andrea Nandoskar	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Strongly support.

Mahalo for your consideration.

**HB-424-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/27/2021 7:19:25 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2021 11:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Deborah Sevy	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

EVs play a key role in our transition to 100% clean energy. HB424 establishes a priority for electric vehicles for government vehicle rentals. This will not only reduce Hawaii's use of gasoline and internal combustion engines, but help show the way to a cleaner vehicle future that will help mitigate the climate crisis.

Zero-emission vehicles are better for the environment and will save taxpayers money that would be spent on gasoline. 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.

**HB-424-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/27/2021 7:58:51 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2021 11:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Dyson Chee	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB424.

**HB-424-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/27/2021 10:10:32 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2021 11:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ruta Jordans	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Important for government to lead the way and rent electric. Please support!

**HB-424-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/27/2021 4:56:17 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2021 11:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mark Hixon	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha-- I strongly support HB424 HD1. This legislation establishes a priority for electric vehicles for government vehicle rentals, which will not only reduce Hawaii's use of gasoline and internal combustion engines, but also help show the way to a cleaner vehicle future that will help mitigate the climate crisis. Mahalo!

**HB-424-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/27/2021 8:47:47 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2021 11:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Caroline Kunitake	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Committee on Finance,

Please support HB424 HD1.

Electric Vehicles (EVs) play a key role in our transition to 100% clean energy. HB424 HD1 establishes a priority for electric vehicles for government vehicle rentals. This will not only reduce Hawaii's use of gasoline and internal combustion engines, but help show the way to a cleaner vehicle future that will help mitigate the climate crisis.

We can harness the purchasing power of our local government to reduce our total carbon emissions to mitigate global warming.

Thank you for taking the time to review this issue. I appreciate the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.

Mahalo,

Caroline Kunitake



**HB-424-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/28/2021 7:36:42 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2021 11:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
P Noel Bobilin	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support this bill because it establishes a priority for electric vehicles for government vehicle rentals. This will not only reduce Hawaii's use of gasoline and internal combustion engines, but help show the way to a cleaner vehicle future that will help mitigate the climate crisis.

Zero-emission vehicles are better for the environment and will save taxpayers money that would be spent on gasoline. 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.

**HB-424-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/28/2021 10:57:45 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2021 11:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Diane Ware	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chair and committee members,

-EVs play a key role in our transition to 100% clean energy. HB424 establishes a priority for electric vehicles for government vehicle rentals. This will not only reduce Hawaii's use of gasoline and internal combustion engines, but help show the way to a cleaner vehicle future that will help mitigate the climate crisis.

-Zero-emission vehicles are better for the environment and will save taxpayers money that would be spent on gasoline. 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 your support for climate,

Diane Ware 99-7815 Kapoha Place Volcano 96785

**HB-424-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/28/2021 2:34:10 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2021 11:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ronald Reilly	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

*Dear Rep. Sylvia Luke – Chair, Rep. Ty J.K. Cullen - Vice Chair and Members of the Finance Committee,*

*I strongly support HB424 HD1.*

*Every measure that will help accelerate the adoption of electric vehicles, currently at only 3.4% of registered passenger vehicles in Hawaii (<http://dbedt.hawaii.gov/economic/energy-trends-2/>) should be encouraged.*

*To achieve Hawaii's share of the needed carbon dioxide emission reduction we have to dramatically increase the electrification of our ground transportation that currently contributes 47% of our state green house gas total emissions of 20.7MMTCO<sub>2</sub>e (<https://climate-xchange.org/network/#hawaii>).*

*The IPCC has stated that a 50% reduction of global emissions will be required by 2030 to reach net zero by 2050.*

*I respectfully urge your unanimous support for HB424 HD1*

*Thank you, Ron Reilly, Volcano Village Hawaii 96785*

**HB-424-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/28/2021 4:41:56 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2021 11:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Tadia Rice	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Pease SUPPORT [HB424 HD1](#) Rental Vehicle Preference for State agencies. HB424 HD1 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.

**THIS IS IMPORTANT** because HB424 establishes a priority for electric vehicles for government vehicle rentals. This will not only reduce Hawaii's use of gasoline and internal combustion engines, but help show the way to a cleaner vehicle future that will help mitigate the climate crisis.

EVs play a key role in our transition to 100% clean energy. HB424 establishes a priority for electric vehicles for government vehicle rentals. This will not only reduce Hawaii's use of gasoline and internal combustion engines, but help show the way to a cleaner vehicle future that will help mitigate the climate crisis.

Zero-emission vehicles are better for the environment and will save taxpayers money that would be spent on gasoline. 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!

**HB-424-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/28/2021 9:14:02 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2021 11:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Joan Gannon	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Joan here from West Hawaii supporting HB424 HD1. Establishes rental vehicle preference for state agencies. Important to help mitigate climate crisis.

Thank you

Joan Gannon

**HB-424-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/28/2021 9:23:57 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2021 11:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Meredith Buck	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support HB424.

**HB-424-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/1/2021 3:07:18 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2021 11:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Janet Pappas	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and FIN Committee members,

In the Hawaii Legislature's own words:

"Gasoline-powered vehicles can no longer compete with electric vehicles in terms of performance, reliability, safety, or cost". This pretty much sums up why, when choosing a rental car, the state should go electric.

Choosing an electric vehicle over gas-powered is also leading by example, following the growing trend of most carmakers who are favoring EVs over gas-powered cars. The public will also see that the state is saving money by going electric.

Finally, EVs are emission-free and will help Hawaii reach its climate and clean energy goals.

For all these reasons, we strongly support HB424 HD1.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Jan Pappas, Ronald Yasuda - Aiea, Hawaii

**HB-424-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/1/2021 5:16:27 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2021 11:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lorn Hoku Douglas	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

this legislation will demonstrate the State's commitment to cleaner transportaion. Please support this legislation. Mahalo,

Lorn DOuglas

Big Island



**HB-424-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/1/2021 5:55:12 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2021 11:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Richard Camp	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support this bill.

**HB-424-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/1/2021 8:24:39 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2021 11:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Daniela Escontrela	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support this bill

**HB-424-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/1/2021 9:57:11 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2021 11:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Matthew Geyer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Climate change is accelerating, and in the several years before the Covid-19 pandemic, Hawaii's consumption of fossil fuels had not declined. Hawaii must do much more to do its part to control climate change.

This bill will reduce the consumption of fossil fuels and is consistent with the State's 2045 net zero emissions goal. This bill should be one of multiple bills passed by the Legislature to enable Hawaii to do its part to control climate change.

**HB-424-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/1/2021 10:21:06 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2021 11:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Keith Neal	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

For Hawaii to achieve its sustainable transportation and climate goals, it must urgently electrify its ground transportation. Support of HB424 HD1 will encourage increased adoption of non-fossil dependant vehicles. The measure will demonstrate state leadership by requiring a clean transportation preference, including in the renting of vehicles.

The demand for EVs will provide rental fleet providers with the incentive to increase their fleet of non-fossil dependant vehicles.

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**HB-424-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/1/2021 2:52:56 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2021 11:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
John Latkiewicz	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**I am extremely worried about the climate crisis, the impact of CO2 emissions (and other greenhouse gases) in particular. Our current inaction threatens our very existence and the survival of humanity. I have 8 grandchildren, ages 1 to 7. Their future hangs in the balance along with that of all future generations.**

**Although a small step, moving towards a preference for non fossil-fueled vehicles is a step in the right direction. For that reason, I am wholeheartedly in support of Hawaii SB 424.**

**Thank you for your consideration.**

**John Latkiewicz**

**4266 Kalaheo Dr.**

**Kalaheo, HI 96741**

**HB-424-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/2/2021 9:02:44 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2021 11:00:00 AM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nanea Lo	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Hello,

My name is Nanea Lo. I'm from Papakāleia, O'ahu, now residing in Māhili in my ancestral homelands. I'm writing in STRONG SUPPORT of HB424.

HB424 establishes a priority for electric vehicles for government vehicle rentals. This will not only reduce Hawaii's use of gasoline and internal combustion engines, but help show the way to a cleaner vehicle future that will help mitigate the climate crisis.

EVs play a key role in our transition to 100% clean energy. HB424 establishes a priority for electric vehicles for government vehicle rentals. This will not only reduce Hawaii's use of gasoline and internal combustion engines, but help show the way to a cleaner vehicle future that will help mitigate the climate crisis.

Zero-emission vehicles are better for the environment and will save taxpayers money that would be spent on gasoline. 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.

Support this bill.

me ke aloha 'Āina,

Nanea Lo