

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1660

Honolulu, Hawaii  
APR 07 , 2021

RE: S.B. No. 768  
S.D. 2  
H.D. 2

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2021  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which  
was referred S.B. No. 768, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ZERO-EMISSION VEHICLES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish the Rental Car  
Modernization Task Force to develop a plan to determine the  
feasibility of installing sufficient electric vehicle charging  
infrastructure to support a one hundred percent zero-emissions  
rental motor vehicle fleet by 2035.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Hawaii State Energy Office and three individuals. Your  
Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from  
Climate Protectors Hawai'i and 350Hawaii.org. Your Committee  
received comments on this measure from the Department of  
Transportation, Ulupono Initiative, Avis Budget Group, Alliance  
for Automotive Innovation, and Enterprise Holdings.

Your Committee finds that electric vehicles are an important  
avenue to address Hawaii's pressing climate issues. The adoption  
and widespread deployment of electric vehicles aligns with the  
State's energy and environmental goals and is essential to reduce  
Hawaii's dependence on fossil fuels. Electric vehicles currently

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offer an effective option to advance clean, renewable ground transportation. This measure will bring the State one step closer to realizing its goal of one hundred percent renewable energy by looking at the feasibility of installing enough electric vehicle charging infrastructure to support a completely electronic vehicle fleet for the rental motor vehicle industry.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Updating the membership of the Task Force to include a representative from a trade association representing the automobile manufacturing industry, rather than a representative from an automobile manufacturing company;
- (2) Changing the effective date to January 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 768, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 768, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Consumer  
Protection & Commerce,



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AARON LING JOHANSON, Chair



