

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 04 2023

RE: S.C.R. No. 77

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism,
to which was referred S.C.R. No. 77 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HAWAII STATE
ENERGY OFFICE TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO DETERMINE THE EXTENT TO
WHICH OWNERS OF MULTIPLE PROPERTIES THAT ARE PLACES OF PUBLIC
ACCOMMODATION WITHIN THE STATE AGGREGATE THEIR REQUIRED
PARKING SPACES AND CHOOSE TO DESIGNATE AND ELECTRIFY PARKING
SPACES IN A COUNTY THAT IS NOT THE SAME COUNTY WHERE THE
MAJORITY OF THE PARKING SPACES ARE LOCATED,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the
Hawaii State Energy Office to conduct a study to determine the
extent to which owners of multiple properties that are places of
public accommodation within the State aggregate their required
parking spaces and choose to designate and electrify parking
spaces in a county that is not the same county where the majority
of the parking spaces are located.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Big Island Electric Vehicle Association. Your Committee
received testimony in opposition to this measure from one
individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from
the Hawaii State Energy Office.

Your Committee finds that the lack of access to charging
stations for electric vehicles has become one of the largest



barriers to electric vehicle ownership. Existing law requires retailers that offer one hundred parking spaces to include at least one electric vehicle parking stall per one hundred spaces. However, existing law also allows electric vehicle charging stations to be distributed in an aggregated fashion on all of the owner's properties within the State, which allows retailers to place the required stalls in a single location and could potentially leave the State's residents in certain counties without any electric vehicle charging capabilities. Your Committee believes that public electric vehicle charging capabilities should be provided statewide to provide access to as many drivers as possible and incentivize the increased use of electric vehicles. This measure will promote equitable access to electric vehicle charging stations to residents in every county in the State.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 77 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Energy, Economic
Development, and Tourism,


LYNN DECOITE, Chair



