

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 2012
H.D. 2

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 2012, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLE PARKING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Remove an exemption that allows owners of multiple parking facilities to electrify fewer parking spaces than required in one or more properties if they fulfill the requirement in aggregate spaces on all of their owned properties; and
- (2) Authorize counties to regulate electric vehicle charging systems for places of public accommodation with fewer than one hundred parking spaces.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i State Energy Office; Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaption Commission; one member of the Maui County Council; Office of Economic Development of the County of Kaua'i; Hawaii Electric Vehicle Association; Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization; 350Hawaii.org; Hawaiian Electric; and two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Retail Merchants of Hawaii and NAIOP Hawaii.



Your Committee finds that an unintended loophole in Act 75, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021, allows owners of multiple properties to provide fewer electric vehicle charging stations than required in an individual parking lot if they have fulfilled the requirement in aggregate by providing more than the required number of charging stations in a different parking lot. As a result, county enforcement of state laws regulating the designation of electric vehicle charging stations at places of public accommodation is nearly impossible, as county officials do not have the capacity to determine if a property owner is in compliance with the law. This measure is intended to remove this loophole and clarify the counties' authority to enforce state law relating to electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by 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 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2012, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2012, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary &
Hawaiian Affairs,



DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair



