

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

588

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 13, 2025

RE: H.B. No. 346
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Housing, to which was referred H.B. No. 346, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING
INFRASTRUCTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to expand the existing Electric Vehicle Charging System Rebate Program to provide rebates for the installation of eligible electric vehicle-ready parking stalls in new construction of affordable housing.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development; Hawai'i State Energy Office; Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation & Adaptation Commission; Public Utilities Commission; Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization; Office of Economic Development of the County of Kaua'i; Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency of the City and County of Honolulu; Ulupono Initiative; Hawaiian Electric; Hawaii Electric Vehicle Association; Hawai'i Energy; Kauai Climate Action Coalition; Coalition Earth; 350Hawaii.org; Citizens' Climate Lobby Hawai'i; Alliance for Automotive Innovation; Climate Protectors Hawai'i; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Disability and Communication Access Board.

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Your Committee finds that the inclusion of electric vehicle-ready parking stalls in a new affordable housing project is a forward-thinking initiative that aligns with the State's clean energy goals and ensures equitable access to emerging technologies. Designing electric vehicle-ready parking stalls in affordable housing developments is a practical, cost-effective, and equitable strategy to support clean energy. This measure will ensure that affordable housing developments are prepared for the future while enabling residents to actively participate in the clean energy transition.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 346, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Housing,



LUKE A. EVSLIN, Chair



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Bill/Resolution No.: HB346 HDI		Committee Referral: EEP, HSG, FIN		Date: 2/12/25	
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.					
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)					
HSG Members		Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. EVSLIN, Luke A. (C)		✓			
2. MIYAKE, Tyson K. (VC)		✓			
3. COCHRAN, Elle					✓
4. GRANDINETTI, Tina Nakada		✓			
5. KILA, Darius K.		✓			
6. KITAGAWA, Lisa		✓			
7. LA CHICA, Trish		✓			
8. MURAOKA, Christopher L.				✓	
9. PIERICK, Elijah				✓	
TOTAL (9)		6	0	2	1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center;">committee acronym(s)</div>					
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u>Jason Miyake</u>					
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