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Testimony of
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before the
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
AND
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION**

Tuesday, March 23, 2021
9:30 A.M.
State Capitol, Conference Room 229 &
Via Videoconference

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

Chairs Moriwaki and Baker, Vice Chairs Dela Cruz and Chang, and Members of the Committees, 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. The adoption and widespread deployment of electric vehicles (EVs) is an essential element needed to reduce Hawaii's dependence on fossil fuels. 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.

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 rent in Hawaii. This prioritization requirement will provide a considerable impetus for vehicle rental contractors to add EVs and HEVs to their rental 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 for sale.

There is no option in the current intra-state commercial car rental services agreement to rent EVs or HEVs. Executive Departments/Agencies, the Department of Education (excluding Charter Schools), Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, the Judiciary, the City and County of Honolulu, the Honolulu City Council, the County of Kauai, the County of Maui, and the County of Hawaii are all required to utilize the price list contract to make their reservations for intra-state car rental services. Additionally, there are more than 60 nonprofit organizations qualified to participate in cooperative purchasing with the State. This allows these nonprofit organizations, with approval from the Contractor, to access the same vehicle rental categories and rates.

This bill provides 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. Committing to prioritize EV and HEV rentals this year should allow for EV and HEV rental options to be included and competitively priced in the next intra-state commercial car rental services procurement, which will occur later in 2021 or in 2022.

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 constraints.

This bill will 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.

OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

NALANI BRUN, DIRECTOR



DEREK S.K. KAWAKAMI, MAYOR
MICHAEL A. DAHLIG, MANAGING DIRECTOR

Testimony of Ben Sullivan

Energy & Sustainability Coordinator, Office of Economic Development

Before the

**Senate Committee on Government Operations and the
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection**

March 23, 2021 9:30 am

Conference Room 229

In consideration of

House Bill 424 HD1

Relating to PROCUREMENT OF CONTRACTS FOR VEHICLE RENTAL

Honorable Chairs Moriwaki and Baker, Vice Chairs Dela Cruz and Chang, and Members of the Committees:

The County of Kaua'i **supports** HB 424 with two suggested amendments. HB 424 HD-1 requires all state agencies, 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.

First, we suggest that this bill be amended to assure that EV's are offered without a significant price premium over conventional vehicles by amending section 3 of the bill – amending section 196-9 HRS subsection (c) item 10 (B) as follows

- (B) The agency may rent a conventional vehicle only if:
 - (i) An electric vehicle or hybrid vehicle is not suitable;
 - (ii) Neither an electric vehicle nor a hybrid vehicle is available;
 - (iii) The rental rate for the electric vehicle or hybrid vehicle is comparable to that of a conventional vehicle of the same class.

Second, we suggest that this bill include the Counties in this requirement per the original version of HB 424.

Discussion:

The legislature has passed numerous laws supporting the adoption of electric vehicles over the last decade due to their many benefits and alignment with other State policies. However, conversion of visitor rental fleets has proven slow and elusive to date in part to a perceived, but

untested lack of demand by visitors. This measure is an excellent means for the State and Counties to support private rental car contractors in moving towards our desired goals with regards to electrification.

With this policy, rental car contractors are provided a guaranteed market for at least a minimum number of electric vehicles at the rate established in the State contract. Once these vehicles are in the rental fleet inventory, they provide a means for testing visitor demand for EVs and incrementally increasing the number of EVs that rental contractors carry as that demand increases. This virtuous cycle may also spill over to EV charging, as hotels may wish to differentiate themselves by providing convenient EV charging for their guests.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony on this small but impactful measure.



**Hawaiian
Electric**

**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
AND
COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION**

**HB 424, HD1
Relating to Procurement of Contracts for Vehicle Rental**

March 23, 2021
9:30 AM, Agenda # 1
State Capitol, Conference Room 229 / VIDEO CONFERENCE

June Chee
Senior Program Manager, Electrification of Transportation
Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.

Aloha Chairs Moriwaki and Baker, Vice Chairs Dela Cruz and Chang, and Committee Members,

My name is June Chee and I am testifying on behalf of Hawaiian Electric Company in **support of and proposing an amendment to 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 (EVs) to their vehicle fleets with the confidence of having consistent EV rental clientele. It would also allow residents and visitors to experience EVs while staying in Hawaii.

Hawaiian Electric's public charging program and planned request to expand our public charging network is designed to support these such needs. If passed, this bill

would also help 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 EV rentals.

The Company proposes an amendment to the definition of “suitable” in section 2 on page 3. Specifically, the Company proposes to eliminate the language on lines 8 – 9, which state “is capable of holding a charge for the time and mileage needed.” The definition as written does not allow State employees to charge an EV while renting and conducting official government business.

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. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

HB-424-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2021 2:42:52 PM

Testimony for GVO on 3/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ted Bohlen	Testifying for Climate Protectors Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:

To: The Honorable Sharon Moriwaki, Chair, the Honorable Donovan Dela Cruz, Vice Chair and Members of the Committee on Government Operations, and

The Honorable Rosalyn Baker, Chair, the Honorable Stanley Chang, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection:

From: Climate Protectors Hawaii (by Ted Bohlen)

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

Tuesday, March 23, 2021, 9:30 a.m., by videoconference

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

Aloha Chairs Moriwaki and Baker, Vice Chairs Dela Cruz and Chang, and members of the Senate Committees on Government Operations and Consumer Protection and Commerce:

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)

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Submitted on: 3/21/2021 7:45:24 PM

Testimony for GVO on 3/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Steve Parsons	Testifying for Kauai Climate Action Coalition	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Trusted Lawmakers,

As an EV, driver I know very well the impact of not maintaining charging infrastructure. The MAIN reason I support this is because of WHOM it helps. It doesn't help homeowners that plug their EV's at home. It helps the RENTERS and Eco-Visitors that purposely rent EV's when they come here from companies like <https://www.missionzerohawaii.com/> that ONLY rent out EV's. Let me remind you that renters are usually struggling with the High cost of housing AND the second highest cost is TRANSPORTATION. This bill attacks that! Very few Multifamily complexes have any chargers, so the tenants have to plan when and where they can charge. If one or more chargers are down, this causes hardship for struggling local residents. Again, this bill will have a GREAT positive impact on low-income workers. Not just financial, as EV's are way cheaper to drive than ICE (Internal Combustion Engines). For example, the state of Nevada recently found out it will save 20 Billion dollars switching to EV's, some of which is savings in Lives and Health!

<https://cleantechnica.com/2021/02/05/new-report-electric-vehicles-can-save-nevada-20-billion/> In a recent study found that Fossil Fuel Pollution KILLS 8.7 million people a year

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/scottcarpenter/2021/02/10/fossil-fuel-air-pollution-kills-nearly-as-many-as-cancer-study-finds/?sh=51e4c6c31db> , double previous estimates!!!

And Millions more PEOPLE SUFFER the ill effects of the pollution that sideline them from life anytime the Trades stop blowing. I'm NOT ok with that, are you!?! So, back to our renters, when people chose EV's it makes their multifamily units healthier. It's a big deal! A vote against this bill is a vote against the financial, and more importantly, the HEALTH of Hawaii's working Class.

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Steve parsons, Wailua, Kauai Resident, Member of Kauai EV, Surfrider, Kauai Climate ACTION Coalition



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GOVERNMENT STRATEGIES

A LIMITED LIABILITY LAW PARTNERSHIP

DATE: March 22, 2021

TO: Senator Moriwaki
Chair, Committee on Government Operations

Senator Rosalyn Baker
Chair, Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

FROM: Mihoko Ito

RE: **H.B. 424 H.D.1, Relating to Procurement of Contracts for Vehicle Rental**
Hearing Date: Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.
Conference Room: 229, Via Videoconference

Dear Chair Moriwaki, Chair Baker, and Members of the Joint Committees:

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, H.D.1 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.

FAITH ACTION FOR COMMUNITY EQUITY
ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE TASK FORCE

SENATE
COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

March 23, 2021 at 9:30 am
Via Videoconference and Conference Room 229

SUPPORTING HB 424 HD 1

The Environmental Justice Task Force of Faith Action for Community Equity supports HB 424 HD 1, which will reduce our dependence on imported fossil fuels for transportation, and accelerate the transition to electric vehicles. Please continue to support this measure and any others that help Hawaii do its part to address climate change.

HB-424-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2021 9:26:01 PM

Testimony for GVO on 3/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David Mulinix	Testifying for Our Revolution Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Committee,

On behalf of Our Revolution Hawaii's 7,000 members and supporters statewide, we stand in STRONG 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 address the growing Climate Crisis.

Please pass this important legislation.

Mahalo for your kind attention,

Dave Mulinix, Cofounder & Hawaii State Community Organizer

Our Revolution Hawaii



To: The Senate Committee on Government Operations
and
The Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
From: Sherry Pollack, 350Hawaii.org
Date: Tuesday, March 23, 2021, 9:30am

In strong support of HB424 HD1

Aloha Chairs Moriwaki and Baker, Vice Chairs Dela Cruz and Chang, and members of the GVO and CPN committees,

I am Co-Founder of the Hawaii chapter of 350.org, the largest international organization dedicated to fighting climate change. 350Hawaii's 6,000 members **strongly support HB424 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.

This bill would reduce Hawaii's use of gasoline and internal combustion engines and help move us to a cleaner future that will help mitigate the climate crisis. Zero-emission vehicles are better for the environment and the economy. 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 the opportunity to testify in STRONG support of this very important legislation.

Sherry Pollack
Co-Founder, 350Hawaii.org

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Environmental Caucus of The Democratic Party of Hawai'i

March 23, 2021

To: Senate Committee on Government Operations
Senator Sharon Y. Moriwaki, Chair
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice Chair, and
Members of the Committee on Governmental Operations

Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

Re: HB 424, HD1 RELATING TO PROCUREMENT OF CONTRACTS FOR
VEHICLE RENTAL

Hearing: Tuesday, March 23, 2021, 9:30 a.m., Room 229 via videoconference

Position: **STRONG SUPPORT**

Aloha Chairs Moriwaki and Baker, Vice Chairs Dela Cruz and Chang, and Members of the Committee on Government Operations and Committee on Commerce and Consumer Affairs:

The Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i and its Human Environmental Impacts Committee are in strong support of HB 424, HD 1 as it 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.

The Democratic Party of Hawai'i (Party) has adopted at its 2018 State Convention, clear safeguards to protect the *'āina* through combating climate change by eliminating fossil fuels through electrification. At page 18 of the Party Platform, it specifically provides:

“We are committed to getting 100 percent of our electricity from clean energy sources within a decade. . . . We will transform Hawai'i's transportation by reducing fossil fuel consumption through cleaner fuels, vehicle electrification, and increasing the fuel efficiency of cars, boilers, ships, and trucks. We will make new investments in public transportation and build bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure across our urban and suburban areas. . . .



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Democrats are committed to defending, implementing and extending smart pollution and efficiency standards and fuel economy standards for automobiles and heavy-duty vehicles, building codes and appliance standards. We are also committed to expanding clean energy research and development.

We will work to expand access to cost-saving renewable energy by low-income households, create good-paying jobs in communities that struggled with energy poverty, and oppose efforts by utilities to limit consumer choice or slow clean energy deployment. We will streamline State permitting to accelerate the construction of new transmission lines to get low-cost renewable energy to market, and incentivize wind, solar, and other renewable energy.

As this bill is supported by the 2018 Democratic Party of Hawai'i Platform, we urge you to pass this bill. HB 424, HD1 proposes to 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 .

Please pass this important and overdue legislation.

Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.

Respectfully yours,

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HB-424-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2021 5:19:27 PM

Testimony for GVO on 3/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joan Gannon	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Joan here from West Hawaii asking you to please pass HB424. This would have state agencies rent electric vehicles so important in helping mitigate the climate crisis.

Thank You and good luck with hthis important work.

JoanGannon

HB-424-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2021 8:11:07 PM

Testimony for GVO on 3/23/2021 9:30:00 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 currently residing in Māhili in my ancestral homelands. I'm writing in support HB424.

EVs play a key role in our transition to 100% clean energy. This bill establishes a priority for electric and hybrid 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.

Support HB424.

me ke aloha 'Āina,

Nanea Lo

HB-424-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2021 10:35:26 PM

Testimony for GVO on 3/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Laura Ramirez	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

Please support this bill so that Hawaii government can set an example and lead the way towards more clean energy use with electric and hybrid vehicles. We must address climate change right now and act boldly to protect our air quality, the health of our islands, and the planet.

Mahalo!

HB-424-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2021 12:37:08 PM

Testimony for GVO on 3/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Caroline Kunitake	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chair Moriwaki, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, Committee on Government Operations, Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang and Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protections,

Please support HB 424.

EVs play a key role in our transition to 100% clean energy. This bill establishes a priority for electric and hybrid 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.

Thank you for taking the time to review this matter. I appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB424.

Mahalo,

Caroline Kunitake

HB-424-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2021 12:37:24 PM

Testimony for GVO on 3/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
P Noel Bobilin	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support HB424 HD1 Because EVs play a key role in our transition to 100% clean energy. 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. Mahalo.

HB-424-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2021 6:47:03 PM

Testimony for GVO on 3/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Roseann Michaud	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support this bill to help in our transition to 100% clean enegy. Promoting the use of electric vehicles will help reduce Hawaii's use of gasoline and help mitigate the climate crisis.

HB-424-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2021 8:51:24 PM

Testimony for GVO on 3/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Daniela Escontrela	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

EVs play a key role in our transition to 100% clean energy. This bill establishes a priority for electric and hybrid 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.

HB-424-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/22/2021 1:11:24 AM

Testimony for GVO on 3/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Janet Pappas	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear GVO and CPN Chair, Vice Chair and 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 rental cars for State business, the State should go electric every time.

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.

Of course, this also means there must be sufficient EV charging infrastructure to power these vehicles.

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 listening and for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Jan Pappas, Ronald Yasuda - Aiea, Hawaii

HB-424-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/22/2021 8:44:00 AM

Testimony for GVO on 3/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Andrea Nandoskar	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Strong support

HB-424-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/22/2021 2:04:04 PM

Testimony for GVO on 3/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rob Weltman	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Government entities in Hawai'i can and should lead the way in choosing an EV over a fossil fuel engine vehicle when renting. Besides the direct reduction on greenhouse gas emissions through making this choice, it will also encourage the rental car companies to expand the number of EVs they offer and thereby increase the likelihood their private customers will also choose an EV. In addition, an expanded rental EV fleet will offer a secondary market in Hawai'i for EVs, bringing the cost down for many consumers.

HB-424-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/23/2021 12:41:42 AM

Testimony for GVO on 3/23/2021 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael Reed Gach	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly urge passage of HB424, which would provide a great financial incentive to the vehicle rental industry to invest in electric vehicles.

We are a Maui residents and pay thousands of dollars in local taxes each year. Please put our tax dollars to work in this way to foster Hawaiian environmental health and sustainability.

Please support HB424

Michael Reed Gach, Ph.D.
Barbara Terrill Gach