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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

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RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION COSTS.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1       SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the single fastest  
2 growing contributor to an increasing cost of living in Hawaii is  
3 now the rising cost of transportation. Due to increasingly  
4 expensive fossil fuels and a lack of cheaper transit options,  
5 Hawaii residents already pay among the highest cost to commute  
6 in the country. In January of 2022, the United States Bureau of  
7 Labor Statistics reported that auto-related costs were an  
8 astonishing twenty-three per cent higher in December of 2021  
9 than a year earlier, accelerating a trend of increasing transit  
10 costs contributing to Hawaii's rising cost of living.

11       The legislature further finds that numerous public  
12 employees commute to work by car and must pay for parking at  
13 their workplaces. However, public employees wishing to split  
14 the cost of sharing a single stall while carpooling in different  
15 cars on different days are currently prohibited by the  
16 department of accounting and general services from doing so.  
17 Many people are also opting to drive electric vehicles, which



1 are significantly cheaper to operate and maintain than gas  
2 vehicles, and many major manufacturers have already committed to  
3 cease the production and sale of gas-powered vehicles by 2030  
4 and 2035. However, infrastructure for charging those vehicles  
5 in the workplace does not exist.

6 The legislature further finds that numerous public  
7 employees who bicycle to work have no secure bicycle storage.  
8 Employees have had bicycles stolen while locked in racks on the  
9 upper floors of the Kalanimoku building, State Capitol, and  
10 other public facilities. This limits the ability for employees  
11 to save, on average, nearly \$13,000 each year by commuting to  
12 work by bicycle rather than car.

13 The purpose of this Act is to help reduce the cost of  
14 living and cost of transportation for public employees by  
15 enabling parking stall sharing between employees, enabling  
16 electric vehicle charging, providing secure bicycle storage  
17 lockers at public facilities, and reducing the cost of  
18 transportation for residents of public housing by ensuring  
19 future access to electric vehicle charging stations and secure  
20 bicycle storage lockers.



1           SECTION 2.   (a)   The department of accounting and general  
2   services shall make parking stall sharing available to public  
3   employees by allowing two or more public employees to share the  
4   cost of a parking stall and allowing multiple cars to use that  
5   stall as appropriate; provided that the total cost for sharing a  
6   parking stall between two or more employees shall not exceed the  
7   cost of any one stall for any one employee.   The department of  
8   accounting and general services shall also ensure that every new  
9   parking stall constructed and made available to public employees  
10   shall be pre-wired to accommodate, at a minimum, Level 2  
11   electric vehicle charging stations.   The department of  
12   accounting and general services shall develop a plan to retrofit  
13   existing parking facilities to enable workplace charging for all  
14   public employee vehicles by 2030.

15           (b)   The department of accounting and general services  
16   shall provide a reasonable number of secure, enclosed bicycle  
17   storage lockers at all facilities where vehicle parking is made  
18   available to public employees; provided that the cost of secure  
19   storage of a bicycle in an enclosed locker shall not exceed  
20   twenty per cent of the cost of a parking stall.   The number of



1 secure bicycle storage lockers shall be regularly increased to  
2 meet or exceed expected demand.

3 SECTION 3. All new public housing parking stalls shall be  
4 pre-wired to accommodate, at a minimum, Level 2 electric vehicle  
5 charging stations. All new public housing developments shall  
6 provide for secure, enclosed bicycle storage lockers at all  
7 facilities. The number of secure bicycle storage lockers shall  
8 be regularly increased to meet or exceed expected demand.

9 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

10 INTRODUCED BY: \_\_\_\_\_



# S.B. NO. 3157

**Report Title:**

Parking Stall Sharing; Electric Vehicle Charging Station;  
Bicycle Storage Locker; Public Employees; Public Housing

**Description:**

Requires the Department of Accounting and General Services to enable parking stall sharing, create more electric vehicle charging stations, and provide more bicycle storage lockers. Requires new public housing developments parking stalls to accommodate electric vehicle charging stations and bicycle storage lockers.

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