

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1572-22

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 31 , 2022

RE: H.R. No. 42
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred H.R. No. 42 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HAWAII STATE ENERGY OFFICE TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO EXAMINE ISSUES AND BARRIERS TO THE INSTALLATION OF ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING SYSTEMS IN MULTI-UNIT DWELLINGS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING CHANGES TO STATUTES, RULES, AND OTHER GUIDANCE TO HELP CLARIFY AND FACILITATE THE INSTALLATION OF ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING SYSTEMS IN MULTI-UNIT DWELLINGS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Hawaii State Energy Office to convene a working group to examine issues and barriers to the installation of electric vehicle charging systems in multi-unit dwellings and make recommendations regarding changes to statutes and rules or other guidance to help clarify and facilitate the installation of electric vehicle charging systems in multi-unit dwellings.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii State Energy Office, Hawaiian Electric Company, Climate Protectors Hawai'i, and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and Public Utilities Commission.

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Your Committee finds that as residents continue to adopt the use of electric vehicles in the State, the demand for charging infrastructure continues to grow. Additionally, the lack of adequate electric vehicle infrastructure, especially in multi-unit dwellings, is a major barrier to the adoption of electric vehicles. Therefore, it is critical to examine the current state of the technology for electric vehicle charging system installations in multi-unit dwellings to further facilitate the installation of additional charging infrastructure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the composition of the working group by:
 - (A) Removing one of the individuals who sit on the board of directors of an association of apartment owners and clarifying that the remaining individual be appointed by the Chief Energy Officer of the Hawaii State Energy Office;
 - (B) Replacing the representatives from the Blue Planet Foundation and Hawaii Electric Vehicle Association with one representative from a non-profit organization that works on electrification of transportation policy;
 - (C) Adding representatives from Hawaiian Electric Company and the Kauai Island Utility Cooperative; and
 - (D) Allowing the convenor of the working group to add additional members;
- (2) Amending its title in accordance with its amended purpose; and
- (3) 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 Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 42, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred



to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 42, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Energy &
Environmental Protection,

for



NICOLE E. LOWEN, Chair



