

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 18 , 2022

RE: S.B. No. 2720
S.D. 2
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 S.B. No. 2720, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENERGY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Allow for new electric vehicle charging stations having a single port to qualify for a rebate under the Electric Vehicle Charging Station Rebate Program (Rebate Program);
- (2) Increase flexibility of the Public Utilities Commission to administer the Rebate Program;
- (3) Increase the maximum percentage of Rebate Program appropriations that may be expended for administrative costs; and
- (4) Allow for marketing and outreach expenses to be included within allowable administration costs of the Rebate Program.



Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii State Energy Office; Public Utilities Commission; City and County of Honolulu Department of Design and Construction; City and County of Honolulu Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency; Climate Protectors Hawai'i; Maui Nui EV Association; Kauai Climate Action Coalition; Aloha Animal Advocates; Pele Lani Farm LLC; Hawaiian Electric Company; Ulupono Initiative; 350Hawaii.org.; KauaiEV; Kauai Women's Caucus; Kaua'i Island Utility Cooperative; Tesla; Big Island Electric Vehicle Association; Hawaii Electric Vehicle Association; Alliance for Automotive Innovation; Blue Planet Foundation; Retail Merchants of Hawaii; Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from Hawai'i Energy.

Your Committee finds that the State has committed to eliminating fossil fuels from the electricity and ground transportation sectors and to achieving a zero-emissions clean economy in Hawaii by 2045. Additionally, meeting the State's clean energy goals and commitments necessitates the rapid transition to zero-emission vehicles, including supporting electric vehicle charging infrastructure. This measure provides more flexibility in the Rebate Program to ensure that the program is adequately deploying rebates to priority locations in furtherance of the State's clean energy and carbon reduction goals.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting language that appropriates \$500,000 out of the electric vehicle charging system subaccount for fiscal year 2021-2022 for the Electric Vehicle Charging System Rebate Program;
- (2) Inserting language that appropriates \$1,000,000 out of the electric vehicle charging system subaccount for fiscal year 2022-2023 for the Electric Vehicle Charging System Rebate Program;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2100, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) 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 is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2720, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2720, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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



NICOLE E. LOWEN, Chair



