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# SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAII STATE ENERGY OFFICE TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO DETERMINE THE EXTENT TO WHICH OWNERS OF MULTIPLE PROPERTIES THAT ARE PLACES OF PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION WITHIN THE STATE AGGREGATE THEIR REQUIRED PARKING SPACES AND CHOOSE TO DESIGNATE AND ELECTRIFY PARKING SPACES IN A COUNTY THAT IS NOT THE SAME COUNTY WHERE THE MAJORITY OF THE PARKING SPACES ARE LOCATED.

1 WHEREAS, the preservation and protection of the State's  
2 natural resources for current and future generations is of the  
3 utmost importance; and

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5 WHEREAS, electrification of the State's transportation  
6 system is urgently needed to reduce carbon emissions and to  
7 accomplish the State's energy and emission goals of carbon  
8 neutrality by 2045; and

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10 WHEREAS, ground transportation accounts for one-quarter of  
11 the State's energy emissions; and

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13 WHEREAS, the share of new cars in the State that are  
14 electric vehicles is steadily increasing each year, and with  
15 this increase in electric vehicles comes an increased demand for  
16 charging capability; and

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18 WHEREAS, statewide public vehicle charging capabilities  
19 should provide the same opportunities for all persons and  
20 provide the opportunity for as many drivers as possible to  
21 switch to electric vehicles; and

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23 WHEREAS, existing law requires retailers that offer one  
24 hundred parking spaces to include at least one electric vehicle  
25 parking stall per one hundred spaces; and

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27 WHEREAS, existing law allows electric vehicle charging  
28 stations to be distributed in an aggregated fashion on all of  
29 the owners properties within the State, which allows retailers  
30 to place the required stalls in a single location; and

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1 WHEREAS, the practice of placing required electric vehicle  
2 charging stalls in a single location could potentially leave the  
3 State's residents in certain counties without charging  
4 capabilities; and

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6 WHEREAS, the ability to charge an electric vehicle has  
7 become one of the largest barriers to potential owners of  
8 electric vehicles; now, therefore,

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10 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second  
11 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023,  
12 that the Hawaii State Energy Office is requested to conduct a  
13 study to determine the extent to which owners of multiple  
14 properties that are places of public accommodation within the  
15 State pursuant to section 291-71, Hawaii Revised Statutes,  
16 aggregate their required parking spaces and choose to designate  
17 and provide electrified parking spaces in a county that is not  
18 the same county where the majority of their required parking  
19 spaces are located; and

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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii State Energy Office  
22 is requested to submit a report of its findings and  
23 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the  
24 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
25 the Regular Session of 2024; and

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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
28 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Business, Economic  
29 Development, and Tourism; Chief Energy Officer of the Hawaii  
30 State Energy Office; Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu;  
31 Mayor of the County of Maui; Mayor of the County of Kauai; and  
32 Mayor of the County of Hawaii.

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