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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ENERGY.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that according to the  
2 United States Energy Information Administration, about ninety  
3 per cent of the energy consumed in the United States  
4 transportation sector comes from petroleum. The legislature  
5 believes that establishing an electric vehicle charging system  
6 loan program will provide residents of Hawaii equal access to  
7 cleaner electric vehicle technologies, as well as help the  
8 environment. Electric vehicles and charging stations should be  
9 easily accessible to residents of the State to lower daily and  
10 monthly costs for families, all while decreasing exposure to  
11 vehicle emissions and particulate matter and advancing the  
12 State's overall energy and affordability goals.

13           Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to require the  
14 public utilities commission to design and administer an electric  
15 vehicle charging system loan program to provide loans to  
16 applicants who install eligible electric vehicle charging  
17 systems.



1 SECTION 2. Chapter 269, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding two new sections to part III to be  
3 appropriately designated and to read as follows:

4 "§269-A Electric vehicle charging system; loan program.

5 (a) The public utilities commission, in consultation with  
6 electric vehicle stakeholders and the Hawaii state energy  
7 office, shall design and administer a loan program that  
8 incentivizes the installation of an eligible electric vehicle  
9 charging system and may contract with a third-party program  
10 administrator or administrators pursuant to section 269-73 to  
11 operate and manage the loan program.

12 (b) An applicant may be eligible for a loan under this  
13 section if the applicant installs an eligible electric vehicle  
14 charging system and is:

15 (1) A low- to moderate-income homeowner, as defined and  
16 identified by the program administrators; or

17 (2) An existing or new affordable housing development, as  
18 defined and identified by the program administrators.

19 (c) Loans made under this section shall bear no interest  
20 for the first five years and thereafter shall be no more than  
21 three per cent simple interest.



- 1        (d) The public utilities commission shall:
- 2        (1) Apply for any federal funding available to carry out
- 3        the purposes of this section;
- 4        (2) Prepare any forms that may be necessary to apply for a
- 5        loan under this section; and
- 6        (3) Require each applicant to furnish reasonable
- 7        information to ascertain the validity of the
- 8        application, including but not limited to
- 9        documentation necessary to demonstrate that the
- 10       installation is eligible for a loan.

11       (e) The public utilities commission shall adopt rules

12 pursuant to chapter 91 to carry out the purposes of this

13 section.

14       (f) For purposes of this section:

15       "Alternating current level 2 charging station" has the same

16 meaning as in section 269-72.

17       "Applicant" has the same meaning as in section 269-72.

18       "Direct current fast charging system" has the same meaning

19 as in section 269-72.

20       "Electric vehicle charging system" has the same meaning as

21 in section 269-72.



1 "Eligible electric vehicle charging system" means:

2 (1) An alternating current level 2 station with one or  
3 more ports that provides electricity to one or more  
4 electric vehicles; or

5 (2) A direct current fast charging system.

6 §269-B Electric vehicle charging system loan revolving

7 fund. (a) There is established the electric vehicle charging

8 system loan revolving fund to be administered by the public

9 utilities commission. Moneys in the electric vehicle charging

10 system loan revolving fund may be used to provide loans pursuant

11 to section 269-A to eligible applicants.

12 (b) The electric vehicle charging system loan revolving  
13 fund shall consist of the following moneys:

14 (1) Federal funds;

15 (2) Moneys appropriated by the legislature;

16 (3) Private contributions;

17 (4) Repayment of loans, including interest and payments  
18 received on account of principal; and

19 (5) All income and interest earned or accrued on moneys  
20 deposited into the fund."



1 SECTION 3. Section 269-73, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "§269-73 Electric vehicle charging system; rebate program;  
4 loan program; administrator; establishment. (a) The public  
5 utilities commission may contract with a third-party  
6 administrator to operate and manage any programs established  
7 under section 269-72 [-] or 269-A. The administrator shall not  
8 be deemed to be a "governmental body" as defined in section  
9 103D-104; provided that all moneys transferred to the third-  
10 party administrator shall have been appropriated by the  
11 legislature or shall be from funds provided by the federal  
12 government or private funding sources. The administrator shall  
13 not expend more than fifteen per cent of the amounts  
14 appropriated for the rebate program or electric vehicle charging  
15 system loan program, or other reasonable percentage determined  
16 by the public utilities commission for administration of the  
17 [~~programs~~] program established under section 269-72 [+] or 269-A;  
18 provided that program administration expenses may include  
19 marketing and outreach expenses to increase program  
20 participation, if needed; provided further that not more than  
21 ten per cent of the amounts appropriated for the rebate program



1 or electric vehicle charging system loan program may be expended  
2 on non-marketing and outreach programs or administration of the  
3 respective program.

4 (b) The [~~electric vehicle charging system rebate program~~]  
5 administrator of the electric vehicle charging system rebate  
6 program and electric vehicle charging system loan program shall  
7 be subject to regulation by the public utilities commission  
8 under any provision applicable to a public utility in sections  
9 269-7, 269-8, 269-8.2, 269-8.5, 269-9, 269-10, 269-13, 269-15,  
10 269-19.5, and 269-28, and shall report to the public utilities  
11 commission on a regular basis. Notwithstanding any other  
12 provision of law to the contrary, the [~~electric vehicle charging~~  
13 ~~system rebate program~~] administrator shall not be an electric  
14 public utility or an electric public utility affiliate."

15 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general  
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ or so  
17 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 to be  
18 deposited into the electric vehicle charging system loan  
19 revolving fund established under section 269-B, Hawaii Revised  
20 Statutes.



1 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the electric  
2 vehicle charging system loan revolving fund established under  
3 section 269-B, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the sum of  
4 \$ or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
5 year 2023-2024 to provide loans under the electric vehicle  
6 charging system loan program under section 269-A, Hawaii Revised  
7 Statutes.

8 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the public  
9 utilities commission for the purposes of this Act.

10 SECTION 6. In codifying the new sections added by section  
11 2 of this Act, the revisor of statutes shall substitute  
12 appropriate section numbers for the letters used in designating  
13 the new sections in this Act.

14 SECTION 7. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
15 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

16 SECTION 8. This Act shall take effect on June 30, 3000.

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**Report Title:**

PUC; Electric Vehicle Charging System; Installation; Loan Program; Appropriation

**Description:**

Requires the Public Utilities Commission to design and administer an Electric Vehicle Charging System Loan Program to provide loans to certain applicants who install eligible electric vehicle charging systems. Appropriates funds. Effective 6/30/3000. (SD1)

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