

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii
FEB 06, 2023

RE: H.B. No. 198
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred H.B. No. 198 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish the Low- to Moderate-Income Electric Vehicle Rebate Program and electric vehicle subaccount to encourage the purchase and use of electric vehicles by low- to moderate-income households and nonprofit organizations providing assistive services to low- to moderate-income households; and
- (2) Appropriate funds into the electric vehicle subaccount.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation, Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission, Hawaii State Energy Office, Ulupono Initiative, Kauai Climate Action Coalition, Blue Planet Foundation, Climate Protectors Hawaii, 350Hawaii.org, Hawaiian Electric, Alliance for Automotive Innovation, and seventeen individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received

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comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committee finds that because of the higher up-front cost of an electric vehicle compared to an internal combustion engine vehicle, low- and moderate-income households have had lower rates of adoption of electric vehicles than affluent households in recent years. Providing more access to new technologies and services through rebates, such as on the purchase or lease of an electric vehicle, will further encourage the adoption of low emission vehicles for private and public use and advance the State's decarbonization, clean transportation, and affordability goals.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting language that appropriates an unspecified amount out of the electric vehicle subaccount for the Low- to Moderate-Income Electric Vehicle Rebate Program;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; 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 is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 198, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 198, 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

NICOLE E. LOWEN, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Thirty-second Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 198	Committee Referral: EEP, CPC, FIN	Date: 1/31/23		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
EEP Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LOWEN, Nicole E. (C)	✓			
2. COCHRAN, Elle (VC)	✓			
3. GATES, Cedric Asuega	✓			
4. KAHALOA, Kirstin	✓			
5. PERRUSO, Amy A.	✓			
6. WOODSON, Justin H.	✓			
7. WARD, Gene	✓			
TOTAL (7)	7	0	0	0
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <i>Elle Cochran</i>				
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