
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLES.

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

1 SECTION 1. (a) There shall be established within the
2 office of the state fire marshal in the department of labor and
3 industrial relations an electric vehicle fires working group to
4 examine the impact of electric vehicle fires in residential,
5 commercial, and business properties that have confined parking
6 structures, including any potential rise in insurance costs
7 associated with having electric vehicles and their charging
8 stations located in confined parking structures.

9 (b) The electric vehicle fires working group shall consist
10 of:

11 (1) The state fire marshal, who shall serve as chairperson
12 of the working group;

13 (2) The insurance commissioner, or the commissioner's
14 designee;

15 (3) The comptroller, or the comptroller's designee;

16 (4) The chairperson of the public utilities commission, or
17 the chairperson's designee;



1 (5) A member of the facility maintenance agency from each
2 county; and

3 (6) A member of the building permitting agency from each
4 county.

5 (c) The state fire marshal shall invite the following
6 individuals to become members of the electric vehicle fires
7 working group:

8 (1) A representative for commercial parking structures;
9 and

10 (2) A representative from the condominium industry.

11 (d) The electric vehicle fires working group shall submit
12 a report to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to
13 the convening of the regular session of 2027 of its findings and
14 recommendations, including recommendations on:

15 (1) Updating the state fire code, building code, and
16 electrical code to make parking structures more
17 resilient to electric vehicle fires and for purposes
18 of fire containment;

19 (2) Additional training for the county fire departments;
20 and

21 (3) Proposed legislation.



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1 (e) The electric vehicle fires working group shall cease
2 to exist on June 30, 2027.

3 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

State Fire Marshal; Electric Vehicle Fires Working Group

Description:

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