

Honolulu, Hawaii

**MAR 18 2025**

RE: H.B. No. 242  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs and Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred H.B. No. 242, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLE BATTERIES,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish a temporary working group within the Hawaii State Energy Office to examine how to maximize the recycling and reuse of electric vehicle batteries and recommend electric vehicle battery management practices; and
- (2) Require the working group to submit a report to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the Regular Session of 2027.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health, Department of Environmental Management of the County of Hawai'i, Servco Pacific Inc., Climate Protectors Hawai'i, Hawaii Electric Vehicle Association, Sierra Club of Hawai'i, Coalition Earth, Alliance for Automotive Innovation, Radius Recycling, Hawaii Automobile Dealers Association, and five individuals.



Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Hawaii State Energy Office, Hawai'i Natural Energy Institute, and one individual.

Your Committees find that the disposition of lithium ion electric vehicle batteries presents unique waste management challenges and may even exacerbate the State's current landfill crisis. Your Committees further find that the State has a responsibility to ensure that electric vehicle batteries are properly recycled or reused. The working group established in this measure will inform policymakers of the best management practices and regulatory framework for electric vehicle batteries necessary to ensure an equitable and efficient transition to a more energy resilient economy.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring the working group to submit a report to the Legislature no later than twenty-nine days prior to the Regular Session of 2026;
- (2) Amending the dissolution date of the working group from June 30, 2026, to June 30, 2027; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs and Agriculture and Environment that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 242, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 242, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.



Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Energy and  
Intergovernmental Affairs and  
Agriculture and Environment,



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MIKE GABBARD, Chair



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GLENN WAKAI, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-Third Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs**  
**EIG**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB242 HD1	EIG/AEN, WAM	3/11/25		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
WAKAI, Glenn (C)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley (VC)	✓			
DECOITE, Lynn				✓
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim"	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	3			2
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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