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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PARKING.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the statewide
2 parking program for persons with disabilities, was established
3 under part III of chapter 291, Hawaii Revised Statutes, pursuant
4 to the federal Uniform System for Parking for Persons with
5 Disabilities, as adopted in title 23 Code of Federal Regulations
6 section 1235, and administered by the disability and
7 communication access board, provides individuals with mobility
8 disabilities the ability to travel and park in accessible
9 parking spaces via the use of parking placards. However,
10 improper use and insufficient enforcement impact access for
11 legitimate program participants.

12 The legislature further finds that adoption of electric
13 vehicles is a vital step in the State's efforts to combat
14 climate change, reach the 2045 mandated carbon neutrality, and
15 create a more sustainable future. The legislature has made
16 efforts to encourage and facilitate the adoption of electric
17 vehicles with tax credits and with designated charging parking



1 spaces. These parking spaces not only encourage the adoption of
2 electric vehicles but are a vital component to personal and
3 statewide use. The ability to park in an electric vehicle space
4 allows individuals to make sure they can continue to use their
5 vehicle with ease and have the security to make it to their next
6 destination with adequate fuel.

7 The legislature concludes that the use of these spaces by
8 non-electric vehicles not only takes away an incentive granted
9 to electric vehicle drivers, but can imperil their
10 transportation use by not allowing them the opportunity to
11 recharge.

12 Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to authorize the
13 counties to adopt ordinances to enforce the accessible parking
14 space design requirements for parking for disabled persons and
15 parking for electric vehicles and any respective administrative
16 rules adopted under that part to ensure unimpeded access for
17 program participants.

18 SECTION 2. Section 291-58, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
19 amended to read as follows:

20 "[+]§291-58[+] Requirement to provide parking for persons
21 with disabilities; [~~penalty-~~] ordinances to enforce authorized.



~~1 [Beginning July 1, 2002, any public or private entity that~~
~~2 provides a parking space reserved for persons with disabilities~~
~~3 shall comply with this part and any administrative rules adopted~~
~~4 under this part. A private entity that fails to comply with~~
~~5 this section shall be fined not less than \$250 nor more than~~
~~6 \$500 for each separate offense. Each day of violation shall~~
~~7 constitute a separate offense. Any action taken to impose or~~
~~8 collect any penalty provided for in this section shall be~~
~~9 considered a civil action.]~~ (a) Each county may adopt

ordinances to:

- (1) Enforce the design and construction requirements of
this part, and any administrative rules adopted
pursuant to this part, pertaining to the provision of
parking spaces and access to parking spaces reserved
for persons with disabilities, including but not
limited to the number, location, design, and signage
of these parking spaces; and
- (2) Establish penalties for failure to comply with
ordinances adopted pursuant to this section.



1 (b) An official appointed by a county may enter the
2 property of a place of public accommodation to enforce any
3 applicable ordinances adopted pursuant to this section.

4 (c) For the purposes of this section, "place of public
5 accommodation" shall have the same meaning as defined in section
6 489-2."

7 SECTION 3. Section 291-73, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
8 amended to read as follows:

9 "[+]§291-73[+] **Ordinances to enforce authorized.** (a)
10 Each county may adopt ordinances to enforce the requirements of
11 section 291-71, including the establishment of penalties for
12 failure to comply with the requirements of that section or
13 maintain electric vehicle charging systems in working order.

14 (b) Any official appointed by a county may enter the
15 property of a place of public accommodation to enforce any
16 applicable ordinances adopted pursuant to this section.

17 (c) For the purpose of this section, "place of public
18 accommodation" shall have the same meaning as defined in section
19 489-2."

20 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
21 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.



1 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Disabled Persons; Electric Vehicles; Parking; Counties;
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Description:

Authorizes the counties to adopt ordinances to enforce the accessible parking space requirements for parking spaces reserved for persons with disabilities and electric vehicles.

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