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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 the electric vehicle  
2 charging system rebate program, established pursuant to Act 142,  
3 Session Laws of Hawaii 2019, provides rebates for the  
4 installation of electric vehicle charging systems in priority  
5 locations, including multi-unit dwellings, workplaces, and  
6 commercial areas, and in places that serve vehicle fleets. This  
7 program has proven very successful for its initial limited size  
8 and scale, facilitating the installation of over four hundred  
9 fifty new charging systems in the State.

10           The legislature further finds that the need for electric  
11 vehicle charging infrastructure only continues to increase,  
12 which in turn is widening the shortfall in infrastructure  
13 available to meet this need. Public incentives must  
14 dramatically increase to fill this growing gap and meet further  
15 needs going forward. Hawaii is currently among the leading  
16 states in the nation in the rate of electric vehicle adoption



1 but among the last in the availability of public electric  
2 vehicle charging infrastructure.

3       The legislature additionally finds that the availability  
4 and accessibility of electric vehicle charging infrastructure  
5 support the economy, protect the environment and climate, and  
6 promote affordability and livability in the State. The ongoing  
7 shift from fossil fuel vehicles to electric vehicles in the  
8 Hawaii market enables families to save on their cost of living  
9 by giving them more affordable transportation options without  
10 onerous gas bills. It also benefits the local economy by  
11 reducing the massive drain of funds out of the State to pay for  
12 imported fossil fuels. The lack of charging availability,  
13 however, is a major barrier for consumers to shift to electric  
14 vehicles. A robust and comprehensive electric vehicle charging  
15 network is particularly needed to bring equity to the market and  
16 to make electric vehicles a viable choice for everyone,  
17 including renters, condominium residents, and lower-income  
18 households and communities.

19       The 2025 energy security and waste reduction plan that the  
20 Hawaii department of transportation developed under the landmark  
21 *Navahine* settlement agreement recognizes the need to



1 dramatically scale up the electrification of transportation to  
2 meet legal mandates to decarbonize the statewide transportation  
3 system. The plan also recognizes that building out Hawaii's  
4 electric vehicle charging infrastructure is an integral part of  
5 the recommended "multifaceted approach" to drive progress on  
6 this front.

7 The purpose of this Act is to expand the electric vehicle  
8 charging system rebate program and accelerate the build-out of  
9 necessary electric vehicle charging infrastructure by  
10 transferring funds from the hydrogen fueling system subaccount  
11 of the public utilities commission special fund to the electric  
12 vehicle charging system subaccount within the same fund.

13 SECTION 2. The public utilities commission shall transfer  
14 from the hydrogen fueling system subaccount to the electric  
15 vehicle charging system subaccount of the public utilities  
16 commission special fund, established pursuant to section 269-33,  
17 Hawaii Revised Statutes, the sum of \$ on July 1, 2026.

18 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

PUC; Public Utilities Commission Special Fund; Electric Vehicle Charging System Subaccount; Hydrogen Fueling System Subaccount; Transfer

**Description:**

Requires the Public Utilities Commission to transfer funds from the Hydrogen Fueling System Subaccount of the Public Utilities Commission Special Fund to the Electric Vehicle Charging System Subaccount of the Fund. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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