

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 06 , 2026

RE: H.B. No. 1619
H.D. 2

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which
was referred H.B. No. 1619, H.D. 2, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Exclude from the definition of "development", as it
applies to special management areas, the installation,
maintenance, repair, and replacement of an electric
vehicle charging system; and
- (2) Include the Public Utilities Commission in the
development and implementation of plans to meet the
long-term goals for zero-emissions transportation in the
State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Public Utilities Commission; Hawai'i Climate Change
Mitigation and Adaptation Commission; Hawaiian Electric; and three
individuals.

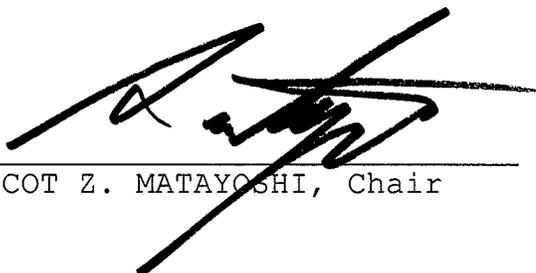
Your Committee finds that transitioning from internal
combustion engine vehicles to electric vehicles is the most



effective strategy for reducing overall ground transportation greenhouse gas emissions. Your Committee further finds that special management area permitting has been an important factor in determining the feasibility of projects to expand access to electric vehicle charging stations. Special management area permitting requires more time and attention to ensure that the legal requirements are satisfied and projects move forward. This measure exempts electric vehicle projects from special management area permitting, which will streamline the installation of charging infrastructure and better support the transition of ground transportation to electric vehicles.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1619, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Consumer
Protection & Commerce,



SCOT Z. MATAYOSHI, Chair



