

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **3160**

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 24 2026

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

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs and Water, Land, Culture and the Arts, to which was referred H.B. No. 1619, H.D. 2, entitled:

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

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent 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 Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission, Public Utilities Commission, Climate Protectors Hawai'i, and Hawaiian Electric.

Your Committees find that while a key climate goal of the State is to transition to electric-based transportation, a



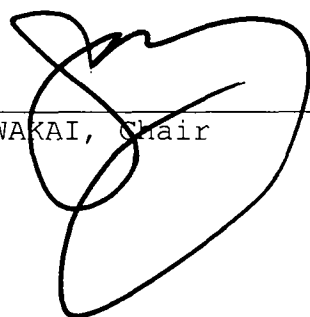
significant barrier is the lack of adequate infrastructure to support electrification and that increasing demand for electric vehicles in the State will require approximately four thousand additional public electric vehicle charging systems by 2030 to support electric vehicle adoption. Your Committees further find that, due to the State's geography, many prime locations for public charging infrastructure, including beaches, harbors, and tourism corridors, fall within Special Management Areas that are subject to stringent permitting requirements. By clarifying certain definitions to exempt these charging systems from Special Management Area permit requirements, this measure will allow the State to fulfill its commitment to providing a zero-emissions transportation sector.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs and Water, Land, Culture and the Arts that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1619, H.D. 2, and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committees on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs and Water, Land, Culture and the Arts,



CHRIS LEE, Chair




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.:* HB1619, HD2	Committee Referral: EIG/WLA, CPN	Date: 3/19/26		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input 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		✓		
TOTAL	2	3		
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; font-family: cursive;">  </div>				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes

