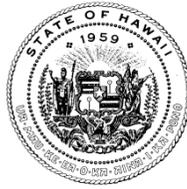


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Monday, March 2, 2026

10:00 a.m.

State Capitol, 308

**HB1980, HD1
RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE**

House Committee on Finance

The Department of Transportation (DOT) supports House Bill 1980 HD1, which establishes a goal for the State to retrofit state facilities to be electric vehicle charger-ready and requires new state building constructions to provide at least twenty-five percent of parking stalls as electric vehicle charger-ready. The DOT also recommends flexibility to HSEO and state agencies that manage facilities to install Level 1, 2 or 3 chargers based on the expected users' needs.

The DOT published its Energy Security and Waste Reduction Plan in October 2025, which explains how the transportation sector (including everyone who uses transportation) could meet the state's bold emission reduction targets established in state law. The Plan found that in order to meet the 2030 and 2045 state emission reduction targets, 81% of new light duty vehicle sales would need to be electric by 2030, and 100% of new light duty vehicle sales would need to be electric by 2045. Without immediate additional investments, policy changes, and implementation of emission reduction strategies, Hawaii will not meet its targets established in state law.

Electrification is the leading emissions reduction strategy for ground transportation. Public EV charging and workplace EV charging is needed to make EV ownership feasible for more of our community.

This bill may encourage more state employees to choose electric vehicles. The requirement to evaluate and strategically retrofit existing state facilities will also help to fill the current gap in charging infrastructure, also leading to more people being able to drive EVs.

The DOT recommends that the state agencies who manage facilities have flexibility to install the appropriate chargers for each specific location based on that population's need. The implementing agency should have flexibility to install the appropriate mix of Level 1, Level 2, Level 3, or a combination of multiple chargers.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY
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TO THE
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

MARCH 2, 2026, 10:00 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 308 AND VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE, STATE CAPITOL

H.B. 1980, H.D. 1

RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE.

Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on H.B. 1980, H.D. 1.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) **supports** H.B. 1980, H.D. 1. This measure establishes a clear and forward-looking state goal to retrofit state facilities so they are electric vehicle charger-ready, helping Hawai'i prepare increasing electric vehicle use. DAGS looks forward to working with the Hawai'i State Energy Office to identify certain high-priority state facilities to retrofit. DAGS requested to increase its special fund ceilings at our Automotive Management Division to directly support initiatives such as this. We urge the Legislature to support these ceiling increases so we can install the necessary infrastructure and charging stations in our

DAGS-managed parking facilities. The ceiling increases do not impact the General Fund as the revenue comes from parking and other Special Fund-related fees.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

HB-1980-HD-1

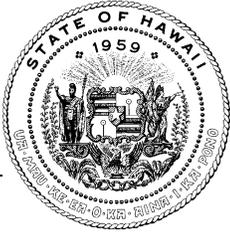
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael Arakaki	Department of Accounting and General Services	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Testimony was submitted earlier by the Comptroller's office.



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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Monday, March 02, 2026
10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 308 and Videoconference

Providing Comments on
HOUSE BILL NO. 1980, HD1

RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE.

Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and Members of the Committee, the Hawai'i State Energy Office (HSEO) offers the following comments on House Bill No. 1980, HD1, which establishes a goal to retrofit state facilities to be electric vehicle (EV) charger-ready. It requires at least twenty-five per cent of parking stalls at new state-building constructions to be electric vehicle charger-ready, to conduct a survey to identify high-priority state facilities for retrofitting and appropriates funds to assess electric vehicle charging systems at high-priority state facilities.

The HSEO acknowledges the critical need for expanded EV charging infrastructure to support the growing adoption of electric vehicles. Transportation emissions make up the largest share of Hawai'i's energy-related greenhouse gas emissions, with ground transportation alone accounting for 36%, according to the most recent Greenhouse Gas Emissions Report.¹ For Hawai'i to meet its statutory target to sequester more greenhouse gases than emitted by 2045, programs that support the adoption of cleaner transportation options will be necessary. HSEO's Hawai'i Pathways to Decarbonization report, submitted to the Legislature in December 2023 pursuant to

¹ State of Hawaii, Department of Health. Greenhouse Gas Inventory: [Hawaii Greenhouse Gas Emissions Report for 2020 and 2021 \(hawaii.gov\)](https://www.hawaii.gov/energy/2023/12/14/hawaii-greenhouse-gas-emissions-report-for-2020-and-2021/)

Act 238 (2022), emphasizes the transition to Zero Emission Vehicles (ZEVs) as a key strategy to meeting the 2045 target.²

Currently, Hawai'i has approximately 44 registered EVs per public charging port statewide³, the second worst ratio in the nation. According to the US Department of Energy's (DOE) Alternative Fuels Data Center, supporting an additional 100,000 electric light-duty vehicles would require approximately 86,600 charging ports, including roughly 78,000 charging ports in single-family homes and 3,200 public level 2 charging ports.⁴ The shortfall in charging infrastructure highlights a critical gap in adequately supporting continued EV adoption. Furthermore, Hawai'i needs to expand access to EVs and EV charging beyond the early adopters in single-family unit dwellings. By enabling charging at State facilities, HB 1980, HD1 supports the adoption of EVs by employees living in multi-unit dwellings who often lack reasonable access to regular charging and fosters increased access and equity in EV adoption.

We also ask that the Legislature keep in mind that the HSEO does not control or manage State facilities and does not have the authority under current laws and regulations to require other State agencies that control or manage those facilities to install charger-ready retrofits or electric vehicle charging systems.

The HSEO notes that if the State were to adopt the findings from the detailed cost assessment of priority parking facilities, direction and funding could be provided to implement the recommendations of the report.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

² Hawai'i State Energy Office (2023). [Hawai'i Pathways to Decarbonization, Act 238 Report to the 2024 Hawai'i State Legislature \(Act 238 Report\)](#)

³ Alliance for Automotive Innovation: [Get Connected Electric Vehicle Quarterly Report, Second Quarter 2025](#)

⁴ <https://afdc.energy.gov/evi-x-toolbox#/evi-pro-ports>

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**Testimony of
LEAH LARAMEE
Climate Change Coordinator on behalf of
Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission
Co-Chair Ryan K. P. Kanaka'ole**

**Before the House Committee on
FINANCE**

**Monday, March 2, 2026
10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 308**

**In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 1980, HOUSE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE**

House Bill 1980, House Draft 1 proposes to establish a goal of the State to retrofit state facilities to be electric vehicle (EV) charger-ready. Requires the design of all new state building construction where parking is to be included to provide that at least twenty-five per cent of parking stalls be EV charger-ready. Requires the Hawai'i State Energy Office, in consultation with the Department of Accounting and General Services and Department of Transportation, to conduct a survey and identify certain high-priority state facilities. This bill requires a report to the Legislature and appropriates funds. **The Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission (Commission) supports this measure.**

The Commission consists of a multi-jurisdictional effort between 20 departments, committees, and counties with the purpose of promoting ambitious, climate-neutral, culturally responsive strategies for climate change adaptation and mitigation.

Transition to EVs is a key action identified by the State's climate plans including the Climate Action Pathways (2025), Energy Security and Waste Reduction Plan (2025) and the Hawai'i Pathways to Decarbonization (2023). A significant barrier is the lack of EV charging infrastructure. Incorporating charging infrastructure in new builds is significantly less expensive than retrofitting existing parking lots. The commission respectfully suggests that the threshold for charging stalls in new construction be increased to better serve future needs.

Mahalo for the opportunity to comment on this measure.



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DATE: March 2, 2026

TO: Representative Chris Todd
Chair, Committee on Finance

FROM: Tiffany Yajima

RE: **H.B. 1980, HD1 - Relating to Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure**
Hearing Date: Monday, March 2, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
Conference Room: 308

Dear Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the Alliance for Automotive Innovation (“Auto Innovators”) we submit this testimony in **support** of H.B. 1980, HD1 which prepares new state building construction for electric vehicle readiness.

The Alliance for Automotive Innovation represents the full auto industry, a sector supporting 10 million American jobs and five percent of the economy. From the manufacturers producing most vehicles sold in the U.S. to autonomous vehicle innovators to equipment suppliers, battery producers and semiconductor makers – the association is committed to a cleaner, safer and smarter personal transportation future.

Charging infrastructure is a key component to any comprehensive vision and strategy for electric vehicles. By 2025, the auto industry will have invested more than \$330 billion to reach the goal of an electrified future. In addition, the auto industry is ramping up by delivering a new generation of ZEVs that includes 130 models for sale in the U.S. market by 2026, up from over 70 models today.

This measure would ensure that state buildings are equipped to support charging capabilities for electric vehicles. Because many residents live in multi-unit dwellings that do not and possibly cannot support charging infrastructure, daytime charging in state facilities will provide a convenient, public option for EV charging that opens-up the possibility of EV ownership to a broader audience. Furthermore, because the installation of EV chargers in new construction can be several times as cost effective as retrofitting existing facilities to add chargers after the fact, this measure makes good financial sense.

For these reasons, Auto Innovators support this measure and ask the committee to pass this bill. Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.



To: The House Committee on Finance (FIN)
From: Sherry Pollack, Co-Founder, 350Hawaii.org
Date: Monday, March 2, 2026, 10am

In support of HB1980 HD1

Aloha Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and FIN Committee members;

I am Co-Founder of the Hawai'i chapter of 350.org, the largest international organization dedicated to fighting climate change. 350Hawaii.org is in **strong support of HB1980 HD1** that establishes a goal of the State to retrofit state facilities to be electric vehicle charger-ready. This measure further requires the design of all new state building construction where parking is to be included to provide that at least twenty-five per cent of parking stalls be electric vehicle charger-ready, and requires the Hawai'i State Energy Office, in consultation with all state agencies that have parking facilities, to conduct a survey and identify certain high-priority state facilities.

The State should lead by example by expanding workplace charging availability in facilities. Adequate public charging is critical for the democratization of transportation. Charge anxiety is a big a worry for EV-driving condo-dwellers, renters, and potential EV buyers. While there are many in our community who have the benefit of home EV charging, many of our residents live in apartments, condos, or rentals and don't have this convenience. For them to adopt electric cars, they must have access to reliable and ubiquitous public charging, including workplace charging.

Most importantly, electric vehicles are better for the environment and the economy, and are a critical component in our fight against the climate crisis. They are the future for Hawai'i. A future we must begin now. Requiring that the design of new state facilities be electric vehicle charger-ready will save taxpayers from expensive retrofit costs later on as we fully transition to clean energy transportation.

To achieve Hawai'i's sustainable transportation and climate goals, we must decarbonize ground transportation as soon as possible. This bill supports those efforts. Workplace charging is a very effective strategy to accelerate Hawai'i towards our clean transportation future. Please support and pass this important measure.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Sherry Pollack
Co-Founder, 350Hawaii.org

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Submitted on: 2/27/2026 10:30:31 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2026 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
laurel brier	Kauai Climate Action Coalition	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strong support for HB1980. To achieve Hawai'i's sustainable transportation and climate goals, we must decarbonize ground transportation as soon as possible. This bill supports those efforts. On a personal level, I drive an EV and worked for the State for decades and always had to depend on the county parking lot to charge my car and always anxious if one of the two spots would be available and operational. The County has since expanded their parking facilities but the State lot in Lihue still has no EV parking. It is essential that new State facilities plan for electric cars. They are our future.

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Submitted on: 3/1/2026 6:40:12 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2026 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Christopher Dean	Clean the Pacific	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We are in strong support of HB 1980. We believe that it is the duty of our elected officials to lead society in a way that benefits the citizens and the environment. The climate crisis has the potential to be the worst disaster that has ever happened on planet earth. Right now species are going extinct at a rate that is 10,000 times faster than any other previous mass extinction event. We cannot afford to procrastinate in solving this crisis. Every measure we can take to prevent this disaster must be taken. Providing easy access to charging electric vehicles is a great incentive for citizens to switch from gasoline to electric. We need to take the initiative ourselves, because we can't rely on anyone else, notably, the federal government under this administration. We urge you to support this bill and all other bills that facilitate the transition from fossil fuels to solar electric. Thank you very much.



To: The Honorable Representative Chris Todd, Chair, the Honorable Jenna Takenouchi, Vice Chair, and Members of the Finance Committee.

From: Climate Protectors Hawai'i (by Ted Bohlen)

Re: Hearing HB1980 HD1 RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE

Hearing: Monday March 2, 2026 10:00 a.m.

Aloha Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and Members of the Finance Committee!

The Climate Protectors Hawai'i seeks to educate and engage the local community in climate change action, to help Hawai'i show the world the way back to a safe and stable climate.

The Climate Protectors Hawai'i **STRONGLY SUPPORTS HB1980 HD1!**

Hawai'i needs to cut ground transportation emissions to sequester as much or more greenhouse gases than it emits as soon as practicable, not later than 2045, as required by law. The transition to zero emission vehicles is needed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from ground transportation. **The lack of electric vehicle chargers is a major barrier to transitioning to these zero emission vehicles.**

This bill Establishes a goal of the State to retrofit state facilities to be electric vehicle charger-ready. The bill requires the design of all new state building construction where

parking is to be included to provide that at least twenty-five per cent of parking stalls be electric vehicle charger-ready. It requires the Hawai'i State Energy Office, in consultation with all state agencies that have parking facilities, to conduct a survey and identify certain high-priority state facilities.

Electric vehicles are coming, and the State should get ready. Electric vehicles are already less expensive than gasoline cars over the life of the vehicle when you consider much lower fuel and maintenance costs. Installing chargers in new construction **will save the State money** in comparison to installing chargers later as retrofits and **provide a benefit to State employees**, especially those who live in multi-unit housing without reasonable home charger access. Putting EV chargers in State workplaces **will benefit all electric utility customers** because daytime is offpeak for the utility grid and coincides with renewable electricity generation, whereas charging at home after work adds to peak power costs.

Please pass this bill to reduce future costs by expanding electric vehicle charging access in State buildings!

Mahalo!

Climate Protectors Hawai'i (by Ted Bohlen)

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Submitted on: 2/28/2026 1:47:04 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2026 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Susan B Roberts Emery	Green Party of Hawai'i	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and Honorable members of Committee,

My name is Susan RobertsEmery, as Co chair of the Green Party of Hawai'i and on behalf of our members, we offer VERY Strong Support for HB1980 HD1.

To achieve Hawai'i's sustainable transportation and climate goals, we must decarbonize ground transportation as soon as possible. This bill supports those efforts. Workplace charging is a very effective strategy to accelerate Hawai'i towards our clean transportation future. This is a win win for Hawai'i.

We ask that you Pass HB1980 HD1.

Mahalo,

Susan RobertsEmery

Green Party of Hawai'i

Paauilo



MARCH 2, 2026

HOUSE BILL 1980 HD1

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POSITION: SUPPORT

Imua Alliance supports HB 1980 HD1, relating to electric vehicle charging infrastructure, which establishes a goal of the State to retrofit state facilities to be electric vehicle charger-ready; requires the design of all new state building construction where parking is to be included to provide that at least 25% of parking stalls be electric vehicle charger-ready; requires the Hawai'i State Energy Office to conduct a survey and identify certain high-priority state facilities; and requires a report to the legislature.

Imua Alliance is a Hawai'i-based organization dedicated to ending gender violence and sexual exploitation, and connecting human rights with climate justice. We appreciate this measure, which (1) establishes a state goal to retrofit state facilities to be EV charger-ready, (2) requires that at least 25% of parking stalls in new state building construction be EV charger-ready beginning July 1, 2027, and (3) directs the Hawai'i State Energy Office to identify high-priority state facilities for charging retrofits.

This bill is timely because EV adoption in Hawai'i is rising quickly, but charging access is not keeping pace. EV adoption increased 15% between November 2024 and November 2025, underscoring the need for charging infrastructure to support this growth and ensure an equitable clean transportation transition. Independent tracking shows the same trend: the Hawai'i Electric Vehicle Association reports 40,611 registered EVs as of December 2025, up 15.2% from December 2024, representing 3.8% of Hawai'i's registered passenger vehicles.

The climate case is clear: transportation is Hawai'i's biggest source of climate pollution. According to the Hawai'i Department of Health Clean Air Branch, transportation accounts for 49.8% of statewide greenhouse gas emissions (with stationary combustion next at 36.6%). Expanding EV adoption is one of the fastest ways to cut these emissions, especially as Hawai'i's grid continues to add renewable generation.

This measure also advances equity by targeting workplace and public-facility charging, which is critical for renters and multifamily households. The bill recognizes that workplace charging expands access for residents who may not be able to charge at home, including renters and people living in apartments. Making state facilities “charger-ready” is a practical way to increase charging availability across islands and communities, not only where private investment already flows.

This infrastructure focus is even more important given shifting federal incentives. According to a white paper published by Harvard University’s Salata Institute for Climate and Sustainability in March of 2025, federal efforts to cut electric vehicle tax credits will likely reduce zero-emissions vehicle adoption rates by at least 6%, while increasing carbon emissions by 20.3 million metric tons over baseline projections for 2030.

Hawai‘i saw a surge of EV purchases before a major federal EV credit ended in September 2025, and experts warned that EV adoption could slow without supportive policies and infrastructure to safeguard electrification gains. This proposal helps keep Hawai‘i on track by reducing a key barrier—charging availability—regardless of changes in federal policy.

With aloha,

Kris Coffield

President, Imua Alliance

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Submitted on: 2/28/2026 11:52:10 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2026 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Melissa Barker	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Honorable Members,

I am writing to ask that you support HB1980 HD1 which establishes a goal for the State to retrofit state facilities to be electric vehicle charger-ready and requires the design of all new state building construction where parking is to be included to provide that at least twenty-five per cent of parking stalls be electric vehicle charger-ready.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Melissa Barker

Kapaa, HI

HB-1980-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2026 10:16:13 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2026 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Roger Hamada	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support HB1980 HD1 because it is a piece in the overall mosaic of moving Hawai'i to independence from fossil fuels and doing our share to combat climate change.

My friend who owns an EV lives in a condo. She has no access to a charging station at her building. She drive to a shopping center where she can charge her car on the weekend. She enjoys shopping and dining in the hours it takes to recharge her car.

I am not willing to do that. I do not own an EV. If chargers were more available, I would be more likely to purchase an EV, as I am very concerned about saving the planet for our children and grandchildren.

Thank you for accepting my testimony on this matter.

HB-1980-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2026 12:43:36 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2026 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
David Ball	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this legislation

David Ball

Waiialae-Kahala

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Submitted on: 2/28/2026 12:55:00 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2026 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Douglas Perrine	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In a state that prides itself on our environmental leadership, and where we have legally committed ourselves to a rapid transition to a carbon neutral economy, I find it shocking that state facilities have continued to be constructed without ev charging stations, or even the infrastructure to install them later. I strongly support HB1980 to require state facilities to get in line with state policy on combating climate change.

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Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2026 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
ANDREW ISODA	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

-- I strongly support HB1980 HD1 towards expanding workplace charging availability in State facilities. Adequate public charging is critical for the democratization of transportation. Charge anxiety is a big worry for EV-driving condo-dwellers, renters, and potential EV buyers. While there are many in our community who have the benefit of home EV charging, many of our residents live in apartments, condos, or rentals and don't have this convenience. For them to adopt electric cars, they must have access to reliable and ubiquitous public charging, including workplace charging.

-- Electric vehicles are better for the environment and the economy, and are a critical component in our fight against the climate crisis. Requiring that the design of new state facilities be electric vehicle charger-ready will save taxpayers from expensive retrofit costs later on as we fully transition to clean energy transportation.

-- To achieve Hawai'i's sustainable transportation and climate goals, we must decarbonize ground transportation as soon as possible. This bill supports those efforts. Workplace charging is a very effective strategy to accelerate Hawai'i towards our clean transportation future.

Andrew Isoda
Lahaina, Mau'i

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Giovanni Sclarandis	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

below for sample talking points.

-- I strongly support HB1980 HD1 towards expanding workplace charging availability in State facilities. Adequate public charging is critical for the democratization of transportation. Charge anxiety is a big worry for EV-driving condo-dwellers, renters, and potential EV buyers. While there are many in our community who have the benefit of home EV charging, many of our residents live in apartments, condos, or rentals and don't have this convenience. For them to adopt electric cars, they must have access to reliable and ubiquitous public charging, including workplace charging.

-- Electric vehicles are better for the environment and the economy, and are a critical component in our fight against the climate crisis. Requiring that the design of new state facilities be electric vehicle charger-ready will save taxpayers from expensive retrofit costs later on as we fully transition to clean energy transportation.

-- To achieve Hawai'i's sustainable transportation and climate goals, we must decarbonize ground transportation as soon as possible. This bill supports those efforts. Workplace charging is a very effective strategy to accelerate Hawai'i towards our clean transportation future.

I personally know of people who have wanted to buy ev's but can't charge at their condos. They don't want to wait for hours at public chargers either. State offices would be a great place to start getting ready for the increased number of ev's coming to Hawaii. By the way, we have the perfect climate to maximize the range of ev's here in Hawaii. Mine is epa rated at only 114 miles per charge, but I can get over 150 miles because of our weather.

HB-1980-HD-1

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Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2026 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kathy Shimata	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Kathy Shimata & I live in Honolulu. I support

the goal of the State to retrofit state facilities to be electric vehicle charger-ready. Requires the design of all new state building construction where parking is to be included to provide that at least twenty-five per cent of parking stalls be electric vehicle charger-ready.

The lack of adequate vehicle charging infrastructure presents a barrier to widespread EV adoption, particularly for residents who are renters or who live in apartment buildings. The State could lead by example by expanding workplace charging availability in facilities. Requiring that the design of new state facilities be electric vehicle charger-ready will save taxpayers from expensive retrofit costs later on as we fully transition to clean energy transportation.

Please support HB1980.

Mahalo,

Kathy Shimata

HB-1980-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2026 4:28:24 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2026 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jennifer Lum	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support HB1980 HD1, which aims to increase workplace charging at state facilities. Having enough public charging stations is essential for making transportation accessible to everyone. Many electric vehicle (EV) drivers, especially those living in condos, apartments, or rentals, worry about finding a place to charge their cars. While some people have home charging options, many do not. To help more people choose electric cars, we need reliable public charging at workplaces.

Electric vehicles are good for the environment and the economy, and they are crucial in our fight against climate change. Making sure new state facilities are ready for electric vehicle chargers will save taxpayers from costly upgrades in the future as we move to clean energy transportation.

To meet Hawai'i's goals for sustainable transportation and address climate change, we need to reduce carbon emissions from ground transportation quickly. This bill supports those goals. Adding workplace charging is a strong step toward a cleaner transportation future for Hawai'i.

Mahalo,
Jen Lum, 'Ewa Beach

HB-1980-HD-1

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Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2026 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Katherine Fryer	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support HB1980 HD1 and its goal of expanding electric vehicle charging availability in State workplaces.

To meet Hawai'i's zero emission goal, we must decarbonize ground transportation as soon as possible. This bill supports those efforts. The current lack of adequate vehicle charging infrastructure presents a barrier to widespread EV adoption, particularly for renters and condo residents. Requiring that the design of new state facilities be EV charger-ready will expand access while encouraging private institutions to provide chargers as well. This measure will also save taxpayers from expensive retrofit costs later as we fully transition to clean energy transportation.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
B.A. McClintock	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please support this important bill. Mahalo.

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Submitted on: 2/28/2026 9:52:25 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mojo Mustapha	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Mojo Mustapha. I am a local Hawaii resident living in East Hawaii.

In support of a cleaner green Hawaii, I purchased and drive an EV. However, I have been frustrated by the lack of public chargers in East Hawaii.

As a person who lost their home and business in the 2018 Kilauea volcano eruption, I now live off grid so public chargers are very important for me as i try to rebuild my life after the eruption.

It is also good for Hawaii bringing less noise and air pollution.

This legislation will help expand EV charging infrastructure statewide, critical to the equitable adoption of electric vehicles.

Please pass this measure.

Mojo Mustapha

Pahoa and Hilo, Hawaii

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Submitted on: 2/28/2026 10:34:37 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
JON BRODZIAK	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My goal is to support **HB1980 HD1** as a practical step to expand EV charging at state workplaces and remove barriers to adoption. The problem is that many Hawai'i residents cannot charge at home, and limited public charging keeps EV range anxiety high for renters and condo-dwellers. The solution is to require new state facilities to be charger-ready and to expand workplace charging now, so EV use can grow reliably.

Chair and members of the committee, I support **HB1980 HD1** because workplace charging at state facilities makes clean transportation more accessible to everyday residents. Many people live in apartments, condos, or rentals with no home charging, so an EV becomes a daily planning challenge. Workplace charging reduces that burden and helps make EV ownership realistic for more households.

This bill also protects taxpayers by avoiding costly retrofits later. Building charger readiness into new state facilities is cheaper and less disruptive than upgrading electrical capacity after construction. If we know transportation is moving toward electrification, it is prudent to prepare now.

HB1980 HD1 supports Hawai'i's climate and sustainability goals by helping decarbonize ground transportation sooner. Workplace charging is especially effective because it fits into normal routines and provides the reliability drivers need to switch.

Funding should be fair, and the fossil fuel industry should help pay for some of this infrastructure because it has long imposed public costs. But even as that debate continues, Hawai'i should build the charging network now rather than fall further behind. I urge you to pass **HB1980 HD1** so our state can make a practical investment that today's residents need and tomorrow's kids will appreciate.

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Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2026 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lauren Ballesteros-Watanabe	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Todd, Vice-Chair Takenouchi, and members of the committee,

I strongly support HB1980 HD1 towards expanding workplace charging availability in State facilities. Adequate public charging is critical for the democratization of transportation. As a condo dweller with a plug-in hybrid, charging is a huge daily obstacle. There are so few chargers, they are always occupied. It is so frustrating and gives such anxiety, we have mostly given up and are forced to use gas. I know the same must be happening for the thousands of EV-driving condo-dwellers, renters, and potential EV buyers. While there may be many who have the benefit of home EV charging, as someone who lives in Town surrounded by condos, I can attest to the our residents live in apartments, condos, or rentals and don't have this convenience.

In order for us to adopt electric cars, they must have access to reliable and ubiquitous public charging, including workplace charging. This bill is a much needed leadership step that the state can take in order for the private sector to support ev-charging and decarbonization of the transportation section as well.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

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Submitted on: 3/1/2026 10:22:38 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mary Kathryn Afable	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please support HB 1980.

I own an electric car and love it. Because of inadequate access to charging facilities, folks who live in apartments or condos don't have the option of owning an EV. Increasing access to charging stations provides more choice for residents while also being good for our environment.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Hayley Peter-Contesse	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support HB1980 HD1 towards expanding workplace charging availability in State facilities. Adequate public charging is critical for the democratization of transportation. Charge anxiety is a big worry for EV-driving condo-dwellers, renters, and potential EV buyers. While there are many in our community who have the benefit of home EV charging, many of our residents live in apartments, condos, or rentals and don't have this convenience. For them to adopt electric cars, they must have access to reliable and ubiquitous public charging, including workplace charging.

This has directly affected me as an EV owner who lives in Makaha and had to commute to UH multiple days a week in my previous job. I have an older generation Nissan Leaf and had to charge in town before being able to make it back home, which meant that if I didn't get one of the (4!) chargers in the campus parking structure, I had to drive around after work to find an open charger. This is a completely outrageous situation, when at least 20% of the cars I saw commuting to campus were EVs, and most didn't have a place to charge during the work day.

Electric vehicles are better for the environment and the economy, and are a critical component in our fight against the climate crisis. Requiring that the design of new state facilities be electric vehicle charger-ready will save taxpayers from expensive retrofit costs later on as we fully transition to clean energy transportation.

To achieve Hawai'i's sustainable transportation and climate goals, we must decarbonize ground transportation as soon as possible. This bill supports those efforts. Workplace charging is a very effective strategy to accelerate Hawai'i towards our clean transportation future.

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Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2026 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Noel Morin	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB1980 HD1

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Noel Morin. I support HB1980 HD1.

This measure will help expand EV charging infrastructure statewide by making it more feasible to install charging equipment.

Retrofitting state facilities to include EV-ready infrastructure and requiring new facilities to include EV-ready parking stalls will make it easier to deploy charging equipment. This allows our state to lead by example.

Please support HB1980 HD1.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

[Noel Morin](#)

Climate, Sustainability, and Resilience Advocate Hilo, Hawai‘i

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Submitted on: 3/1/2026 12:24:53 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jackie Keefe	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Jackie Keefe, and I am **in strong support of HB1980 HD1**. We need to be more aggressive with our steps towards zero emissions, and this measure is an important one. One of the strongest tools in the State’s toolkit for addressing climate change is its power over government facilities. Retrofitting parking lots of State facilities to make them have at least 25% EV charger-ready is important.

Currently much of the burden lies with vehicle owners to find somewhere to charge their EVs, and this measure would encourage more state employees who drive to work to reasonably charge their vehicles without dependence upon them having to do so at home or elsewhere.

I live on Maui, and we are severely lacking the infrastructure for our residents to charge their EVs outside of their home. While we have a miniscule amount of State facilities compared to O‘ahu, this is still an important step!

HB1980 HD1 takes an important step toward incentivizing the purchase of EVs in Hawai‘i. Please pass this measure.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Jackie Keefe, Lahaina

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Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2026 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Virginia Tincher	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and Members of the Committee,

As a family with only EVs I support HB1980 HD1. This legislation will help expand EV charging infrastructure statewide by making it more feasible to install charging equipment. Retrofitting state facilities to include EV-ready infrastructure and requiring new facilities to include EV-ready parking stalls will make it easier to deploy charging equipment.

Please pass this measure.

Virginia

Honolulu

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Stephanie Hall Morin	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and Members of the Committee,

Stephanie Hall-Morin, Hilo,

Normalizing EV chargers at State Facilities helps individuals to adopt electric vehicles. When people see the chargers being used by the state and counties of Hawaii it loses its 'exotic' technology label. Additionally the State and counties need to be role models in adopting clean energy in a swift manner. This will help that mission succeed.

I support HB1980 HD1. This legislation will help expand EV charging infrastructure statewide by making it more feasible to install charging equipment. Retrofitting state facilities to include EV-ready infrastructure and requiring new facilities to include EV-ready parking stalls will make it easier to deploy charging equipment.

Please pass this measure.

Stephanie Hall-Morin, Hilo

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Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2026 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lorn DOuglas	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Members of the Committee,

Please support this important bill related to the charging infrastructure of Electric Cars. This is in alignment with Hawaii clean air trajectory.

Lorn DOuglas

East Hawaii Advisor

Big Island ELeCtric Vehicle Association

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Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2026 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alan Lennard	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and Members of the Committee,

My Name is Alan Lennard on the North Shore of Oahu; I drive an EV and I work in renewables.

I support **HB1980 HD1**. This legislation will help expand EV charging infrastructure statewide by making it more feasible to install charging equipment. Retrofitting state facilities to include EV-ready infrastructure and requiring new facilities to include EV-ready parking stalls will make it easier to deploy charging equipment.

Please pass this measure.

Thank you

Alan Lennard

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Caroline Azelski	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In support of. Thank you.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ruta Jordans	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The lack of adequate vehicle charging infrastructure presents a barrier to widespread EV adoption, particularly for residents who are renters or who live in apartment buildings. The State should lead by example by expanding workplace charging availability in facilities. Requiring that the design of new state facilities be electric vehicle charger-ready will save taxpayers from expensive retrofit costs later on as we fully transition to clean energy transportation. Please support HB1980.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nanea Lo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hello Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

I strongly support HB1980 HD1, which requires new state parking lots to be built EV charger-ready. This bill is a crucial step toward accelerating the adoption of electric vehicles (EVs) in Hawai‘i, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and supporting our clean energy and climate goals.

By ensuring that state parking infrastructure is prepared for EV chargers from the start, we can avoid costly retrofits in the future and make it easier for residents and visitors to transition to cleaner transportation options. This policy not only benefits the environment but also aligns with Hawai‘i’s commitment to sustainability and energy independence.

I urge the committee to pass HB1980 HD1 so Hawai‘i can lead by example in building a cleaner, more sustainable future.

Me ke aloha ‘āina,

Nanea Lo, 96826

Sierra Club of Hawai‘i Member

Hawai‘i Workers Center Board Member

Clean Elections Hawai‘i Member

Honolulu Tenants Union Member

350 Hawai‘i Member

Carbon Cashback Hawai‘i Member

Hawai‘i Tax Fairness Coalition Member