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**COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**  
**COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS**

MARCH 17, 2026, 3:00 P.M.  
CONFERENCE ROOM 225 AND VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE, STATE CAPITOL

H.B. 1980, H.D. 1

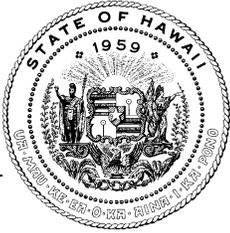
RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE.

Chairs McKelvey and Wakai, Vice Chairs Gabbard and Chang, and members of the Committees, 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 for increasing electric vehicle use. DAGS looks forward to working with the Hawai'i State Energy Office to identify high-priority state facilities to retrofit. DAGS included requests in the supplemental budget 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.



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Testimony of  
**MARK B. GLICK, Chief Energy Officer**

before the  
**SENATE COMMITTEES ON  
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS  
AND  
ENERGY AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS**

Tuesday, March 17, 2026  
3:00 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 225 and Videoconference

Providing Comments on  
**HOUSE BILL NO. 1980, HD1**

## **RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE.**

Chairs McKelvey and Wakai, Vice Chairs Gabbard and Chang, and Members of the Committees, 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.<sup>1</sup> For Hawai'i to meet its statutory target to sequester more greenhouse gases than emitted by 2045, programs that support the

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<sup>1</sup> 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/2020-2021-greenhouse-gas-emissions-report/)

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

Currently, Hawai'i has approximately 44 registered EVs per public charging port statewide<sup>3</sup>, 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.<sup>4</sup> 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.

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

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

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

**HB-1980-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/15/2026 9:04:53 AM

Testimony for GVO on 3/17/2026 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair Wakai, Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Chang, Vice Chair Gabbard and Honorable Members of Committee,

My name is Susan RobertsEmery, as Co chair of the Green Party of Hawai'i, I write today on behalf of our members , in VERY STRONG SUPPORT of HB1980 HD1. **HB1980 HD1** 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 twenty-five per cent of parking stalls be electric vehicle charger-ready.

This is a win-win for for Hawai'i and steers us in the right direction for weaning Hawai'i off of fossil fuels. Green Party of Hawai'i humbly urges you to Pass HB1980 HD1.

Mahalo,

Susan RobertsEmery

Green Party of Hawai'i

Paauilo



To: The Honorable Chairs Angus McKelvey and Glenn Wakai, the Honorable Mike Gabbard and Stanley Chang, Vice Chairs, and Members of the Government Operations and Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs Committees.

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

Re: Hearing HB1980 HD1 RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE

Hearing: Tuesday March 14, 2026 3:00 p.m.

Aloha Chairs McKelvey and Wakai, Vice Chairs Gabbard and Chang, and Members of the Government Operations and Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs Committees!

The Climate Protectors Hawai'i seeks to educate and engage the local community in climate change action.

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

The transition to electric vehicles is a key action identified by multiple state climate plans, including the Climate Action Pathways, Energy Security and Waste Reduction Plan, and Hawai'i Pathways to Decarbonization, but **the lack of charging infrastructure for electric vehicles is a significant barrier to the transition.** While the **retrofitting** of existing state parking lots to equip them with charging infrastructure is one way to help address the issue, **incorporating charging infrastructure in new state building construction is a significantly less expensive method.** Installing chargers in new construction **will save the State money** in comparison to installing chargers later as retrofits.

Either way, **equipping state facilities with charging infrastructure will benefit all electric utility customers in the State due to the coincidence of daytime charging at the workplace with peak renewable electricity generation (daytime is offpeak for the utility grid), lowering energy costs for the public.** Putting EV chargers in State workplaces **will benefit all electric utility customers**, whereas charging at home after work adds to peak power costs.

This 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. **This required level should not be reduced, as new buildings will operate for decades and the future cost-savings of installing chargers in new buildings, especially in comparison to the significantly higher costs of retrofits.**

The bill 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 already less expensive than gasoline cars over the life of the vehicle when you consider much lower fuel and maintenance 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)

Aloha Chair and Members of the Committee,

Kauai Climate Action Coalition (KCAC) , a group of over 150 Kauai residents, strongly supports 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 many in our community have the benefit of home EV charging, many more of our residents live in apartments, condos, or rentals and do not have this convenience. For them to adopt electric cars, they must have access to reliable and ubiquitous public charging, including workplace charging.

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 highly effective strategy to accelerate Hawai'i towards our clean transportation future.

Helen Cox, Kalaheo

Chair, Kauai Climate Action Coalition



MARCH 17, 2026

## HOUSE BILL 1980 HD1

CURRENT REFERRAL: GVO/EIG

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*Director*

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### POSITION: SUPPORT

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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.

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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



To: The Senate Committee on Government Operations (GVO)  
and  
The Senate Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs (EIG)  
From: Sherry Pollack, Co-Founder, 350Hawaii.org  
Date: Tuesday, March 17, 2026, 3pm

**In support of HB1980 HD1**

Aloha Chairs McKelvey and Wakai, Vice Chairs Gabbard and Chang, and members of the GVO and EIG committees,

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 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



**SanHi**

GOVERNMENT STRATEGIES

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DATE: March 15, 2026

TO: Senator Angus McKelvey  
Chair, Committee on Government Operations

Senator Glenn Wakai  
Chair, Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs

FROM: Tiffany Yajima

RE: **H.B. 1980, HD1 - Relating to Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure**  
**Hearing Date: Tuesday, March 17, 2026 at 3:00 p.m.**  
**Conference Room: 225**

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Dear Chair McKelvey, Chair Wakai, and Members of the Joint Committees:

On behalf of the Alliance for Automotive Innovation (“Auto Innovators”) we submit this testimony in **support** of H.B. 1980, HD1, which sets a statewide goal to retrofit state facilities so they are EV charger-ready, and prepares new state building construction for EV 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.

**HB-1980-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/14/2026 10:42:02 PM

Testimony for GVO on 3/17/2026 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Christel Thompson	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.

Mahalo,

Christel Thompson

**HB-1980-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/14/2026 11:42:03 PM

Testimony for GVO on 3/17/2026 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
B.A. McClintock	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. Mahalo.

**HB-1980-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/15/2026 2:32:21 AM

Testimony for GVO on 3/17/2026 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Noel Morin	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB1980 HD1**

Dear Chairs McKelvey and Wakai, Vice Chairs Gabbard and Chang, and Committee Members,

My name is Noel Morin. I am a long-time electric vehicle (EV) driver. I am the President of Hawai'i EV Association, a clean transportation advocacy nonprofit. 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. Let's have our state lead by example.

Please support HB1980 HD1.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

[Noel Morin](#)

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

**HB-1980-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/15/2026 3:59:14 AM

Testimony for GVO on 3/17/2026 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Melissa Barker	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Honorable Commiitee Members,

Please support HB1980 HD1 which would expand workplace EV charging availability in state facilities.

Thanks you for your attention and consideration.

Melissa Barker

Kapaa, HI

**HB-1980-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/15/2026 4:03:51 AM

Testimony for GVO on 3/17/2026 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Samuel M Mitchell	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oahu needs more electric car charging stations if we are going to become 100% engery efficient.

Samuel Mitchell Makiki NB-10

**HB-1980-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/15/2026 8:29:16 AM

Testimony for GVO on 3/17/2026 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Caroline Azelski	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In support of. Thank you.

**HB-1980-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/15/2026 8:59:24 AM

Testimony for GVO on 3/17/2026 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ruta Jordans	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

*HB1980 will enable EV charging infrastructure throughout Hawaii 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 get more charging equipment.*

Please support HB1980.

**HB-1980-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/15/2026 9:42:44 AM

Testimony for GVO on 3/17/2026 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Harvey Arkin	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.

**HB-1980-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/15/2026 9:49:10 AM

Testimony for GVO on 3/17/2026 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lorn Hoku Douglas	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

*Dear Chairs McKelvey and Wakai, Vice Chairs Gabbard and Chang, and Committee Members,*

*Please support this bill that will enhance the charging infrastructure AND save a lot of money in the future....*

*Lorn DOuglas  
Lower Puna*

**HB-1980-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/15/2026 9:51:58 AM

Testimony for GVO on 3/17/2026 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Patricia Blair	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strong support

**HB-1980-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/15/2026 11:10:29 AM

Testimony for GVO on 3/17/2026 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Karen M Kimbrell	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill is important to provide easy access for electric vehicles.

**HB-1980-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/15/2026 11:10:29 AM

Testimony for GVO on 3/17/2026 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Karen M Kimbrell	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill is important to provide easy access for electric vehicles.

**HB-1980-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/15/2026 11:57:40 AM

Testimony for GVO on 3/17/2026 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jennifer Lum	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I am in strong support of HB 1980. 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.

Mahalo,

Jen Lum, 'Ewa Beach

**HB-1980-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/15/2026 12:17:47 PM

Testimony for GVO on 3/17/2026 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Stephanie Hall Morin	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

*Dear Chairs McKelvey and Wakai, Vice Chairs Gabbard and Chang, and Committee Members, My name is Stephanie Hall-Morin and I have been driving electric vehicles for 15 years. Reliable charging stations have been one of the biggest issues for community members to transition to EVs. We need reliable, plentiful stations - also the state leading the way in the transition sends a powerful message.*

*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. Mahalo for your service.*

*Stephanie Hall-Morin Hilo, Hawaii*

**HB-1980-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/15/2026 12:45:45 PM

Testimony for GVO on 3/17/2026 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Roger Hamada	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Thank you for accepting my testimony supporting HB1980 HD1.

**HB-1980-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/15/2026 2:42:05 PM

Testimony for GVO on 3/17/2026 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
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 achieve Hawai'i's zero emission goal, we must decarbonize ground transportation as soon as possible. Electric vehicles are better for the environment and the economy, and are a critical component in our fight against the climate crisis.

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.

**HB-1980-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/15/2026 3:29:08 PM

Testimony for GVO on 3/17/2026 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Georgia L Hoopes	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Committee Members.

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.

Mahalo,

Georgia Hoopes, Kalaheo

**HB-1980-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/15/2026 5:45:02 PM

Testimony for GVO on 3/17/2026 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Virginia Tincher	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chairs McKelvey and Wakai, Vice Chairs Gabbard and Chang, and Committee Members,

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 Tincher

**HB-1980-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/15/2026 8:03:22 PM

Testimony for GVO on 3/17/2026 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Benjamin Narwold	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.

**HB-1980-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/16/2026 8:45:50 AM

Testimony for GVO on 3/17/2026 3:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

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

My name is **Nanea Lo**, and I respectfully submit **strong support for HB1980 HD1**, which establishes a state goal to retrofit state facilities to be electric vehicle charger-ready and requires that at least twenty-five percent of parking stalls in new state building construction be EV charger-ready.

I strongly support this measure because expanding **workplace charging availability at state facilities** is essential to accelerating electric vehicle adoption in Hawai‘i. Adequate public charging infrastructure is critical for the **democratization of clean transportation**. One of the biggest barriers to EV adoption is “charge anxiety,” particularly for residents who live in **apartments, condominiums, or rental housing** and do not have access to home charging. While some residents can charge their vehicles at home, many others cannot. Reliable and accessible workplace charging can help bridge this gap and make EV ownership more practical for more people across our communities.

Electric vehicles are better for both the **environment and the economy**, and they are a critical part of addressing the climate crisis. By ensuring that new state facilities are designed to be EV charger-ready, the State can **lead by example** while also saving taxpayers money. Building this infrastructure during initial construction is far more cost-effective than retrofitting buildings later as EV adoption increases.

If Hawai‘i is serious about achieving its **sustainable transportation and climate goals**, we must act now to decarbonize ground transportation. Workplace charging is one of the most effective strategies for accelerating the transition to clean transportation and supporting residents who want to make the switch to electric vehicles.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the committee to **PASS HB1980 HD1**.

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

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Glenn Choy	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support this bill. Thank you.

**HB-1980-HD-1**

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Testimony for GVO on 3/17/2026 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Alan Lennard	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

*Dear Chairs McKelvey and Wakai, Vice Chairs Gabbard and Chang, and Committee Members,*

*My Name is Alan Lennard; I drive an EV on Oahu, I am very aware of the EV Charger desertification across the state and the need for significant increases in EV Charging infrastructure ASAP.*

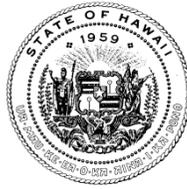
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*Please pass this measure.*

*Thank You very much for your consideration,*

*Alan Lennard*

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

Senate Committees on Government Operations and Energy & Intergovernmental Affairs

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 (EV) 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 percent of parking stalls be electric vehicle charger-ready. The DOT also recommends flexibility 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.