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S.B. 2435

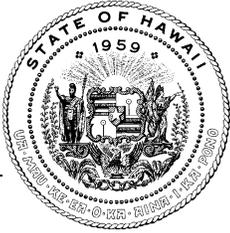
RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE.

Chairs McKelvey and Wakai, Vice Chairs Gabbard and Chang, and members of the Committees, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on S.B. 2435.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) **supports** S.B. 2435. This measure establishes a clear and forward-looking state goal to retrofit state facilities so they are electric vehicle charger-ready, helping Hawaii prepare for the continued growth of electric vehicle adoption. DAGS looks forward to working with the Hawaii State Energy Office in its survey to identify certain high-priority state facilities for the retrofitting effort. DAGS has made a request to increase its special fund ceilings within the Automotive Management Division which will directly support initiatives such as this one. We

would urge the legislature to support these ceiling increases which in turn will allow us to move forward with installing the necessary infrastructure and charging stations in our existing DAGS-managed parking facilities. The ceiling increases do not impact the General Fund as the revenue generated are through parking and other related fees which are Special Fund.

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



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

Tuesday, February 10, 2026
3:05 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 225 and Videoconference

Providing Comments on
SENATE BILL NO. 2435

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 Senate Bill No. 2435, 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

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/2020/02/2020-and-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.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, SB 2435 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.

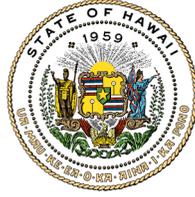
² Hawai'i State Energy Office (2023). [Hawai'i Pathways to Decarbonization, Act 238 Report to the 2024 Hawai'i State Legislature \(Act 238 Report\)](#)

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 Senate Committees on
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
AND
ENERGY AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS**

**Tuesday, February 10, 2026
3:05 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 225**

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 2435
RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE**

Senate Bill 2435 establishes 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.

SB-2435

Submitted on: 2/4/2026 3:07:58 PM

Testimony for GVO on 2/10/2026 3:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tam Hunt	Testifying for Hawaii EV Association	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hawaii EV Association is strongly supportive of this bill and urges the state to make all suitable parking lots at state-owned facilities EV charger-ready.



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, February 10, 2026, 3:05pm

In support of SB2435

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

I am Co-Founder of the Hawaii chapter of 350.org, the largest international organization dedicated to fighting climate change. 350Hawaii.org is in **strong support of SB2435** 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. In addition, this measure 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.

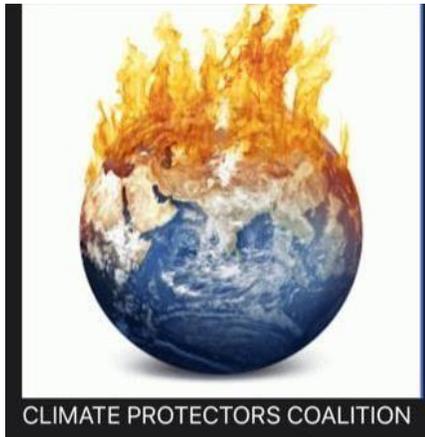
The State should lead by example by expanding workplace charging availability in facilities. Adequate public charging is critical for the democratization of transportation. Charge anxiety is a big a worry for EV-driving condo-dwellers, renters, and potential EV buyers. While there are many in our community 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 Hawaii. 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 Hawaii'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 Hawaii towards our clean transportation future. Please support and pass this important measure.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Sherry Pollack
Co-Founder, 350Hawaii.org



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

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

Re: Hearing SB2435 RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE.

Hearing: Tuesday February 10, 2026 3:05 p.m. CR225

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

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

The Climate Protectors Hawai'i STRONGLY SUPPORTS SB2435!

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 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 bill also establishes a goal of the State to retrofit state facilities to be electric vehicle charger-ready. The Hawai'i State Energy Office, in consultation with the Department of Accounting and General Services and Department of Transportation, will 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 off-peak 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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DATE: February 10, 2026

TO: Senator Angus L.K. McKelvey
Chair, Committee on Government Operations

Senator Glenn Wakai
Chair, Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs

FROM: Tiffany Yajima

RE: **S.B. 2435 - Relating to Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure**
Hearing Date: Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at 3:05 p.m.
Conference Room: 225

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 S.B. 2435, 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.

SB-2435

Submitted on: 2/3/2026 5:32:45 PM

Testimony for GVO on 2/10/2026 3:05:00 PM

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

Comments:

Please support this important bill. Mahalo.

SB-2435

Submitted on: 2/3/2026 10:56:36 PM

Testimony for GVO on 2/10/2026 3:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jacob Wiencek	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Committee Members,

One of the key barriers preventing the widespread adoption of EV's is the lack of charging infrastructure. Many people who would spring for EV's do not because of challenges of where to charge their cars. Hawaii must act more aggressively to build out charging infrastructure so more families can adopt EV's. I urge the committee to **SUPPORT** this bill!

SB-2435

Submitted on: 2/5/2026 10:32:05 AM

Testimony for GVO on 2/10/2026 3:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Christian Kaakua	Individual	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Christian Kaakua, and I am a high school student from Oahu, testifying in support of SB2435, advocating that the design of all new state building construction, where parking is to be included, provide that at least twenty-five percent of parking stalls be electric vehicle charger-ready.

I fully support the intent of this bill: better equip our State as we fight climate change, though I have some concerns about the means by which this initiative will attempt to accomplish said goal. While I do recognize that emissions from transportation contribute to the climate crisis, I don't believe that investing in electric vehicles is the best solution. Oftentimes, the production of these vehicles can be damaging to the environment, plus I also have concerns about who's actually benefiting from this bill. It's my understanding that those in a lower socioeconomic class don't necessarily have the resources to possess an electric vehicle, with the huge upfront cost of switching to electric being a barrier. Also, I'd urge the State to explore which electric vehicle companies Hawai'i residents are investing in, and if those are companies we as a State wish to support.

As a high school student, it feels very empowering to see my State so readily invest in ensuring climate security for the next generations, though I want to be sure we are going about it in a way that actually produces benefits for our community.

For these reasons, I have some qualms about this bill, SB2435, and would like to see the impacts of electric vehicles explored further.

Thank you for your consideration.

SB-2435

Submitted on: 2/5/2026 12:46:27 PM

Testimony for GVO on 2/10/2026 3:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Johnnie-Mae L. Perry	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I, Johnnie-Mae L. Perry Support

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2435 SB RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE.