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Testimony of
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before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Tuesday, February 16, 2021
10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 211 & Videoconference

In SUPPORT of
SB 60
RELATING TO SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES
(Written Testimony Only)

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee, the Hawaii State Energy Office (HSEO) supports SB 60 which authorizes the issuance of special number license plates for the Polynesian Voyaging Society for electric vehicles.

Emissions from ground transportation such as passenger cars, light trucks, motorcycles, and heavy-duty vehicles still account for the largest share of energy sector emissions in the state. As noted in the 2016 Greenhouse Gas Inventory, transportation emissions in Hawaii were at 8.69 million metric tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalents, accounting for 51 percent of energy sector emissions. Ground transportation accounted for 47 percent of transportation emissions. For Hawaii to meet its target to sequester more greenhouse gases than we emit as soon as practicable but no later than 2045 (Hawaii Revised Statute, Section 201-12.8 Energy Security Special Fund), programs that encourage the adoption of cleaner transportation options are extremely important.

Increased adoption of electric vehicles aligns with the state's clean energy goals, supports the HSEO's efforts to decarbonize the transportation sector, and reflects the Polynesian Voyaging Society's core value of mālama honua, to care for our Island Earth. The license plate would commemorate the proud history of the Polynesian

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Voyaging Society and allowing it to serve as a fundraiser would perpetuate the mission of the Polynesian Voyaging Society and advance Hawaii's clean energy goals.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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SB-60

Submitted on: 2/15/2021 10:21:06 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/16/2021 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ann Botticelli	Testifying for Polynesian Voyaging Society	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means.

My name is Ann Botticelli and I am a volunteer member of the Polynesian Voyaging Society's Board of Directors. First of all, please accept our gratitude for advancing SB60, which would allow us to create and sell commemorative PVS license plates for electric vehicles as a fundraising source for our organization.

PVS is entirely dependent on fundraising, grants and the incredible support of hundreds of volunteers. Our mission is to perpetuate the art and science of traditional Polynesian voyaging and the spirit of exploration through programs that inspire students and their communities to respect and care for themselves, each other and their natural and cultural environments.

The Malama Honua Worldwide Voyage included more than 360 ports and 18 nations. Our next journey, Moananuiakea – A Voyage Around the Pacific, which we plan to launch in 2022, will be a true beacon of hope and revitalization.

An August 2019 article in the Honolulu Star-Advertiser stated that at that time there were close to 10,000 electric vehicles in Hawai'i. We have every expectation that this number has grown and will continue to increase. Allowing those vehicles to carry a PVS commemorative license plate would both honor and financially support the history of voyaging and navigation that PVS represents.

I humbly request that your committee approve this measure.

February 17, 2020



Committee on Culture and the Arts
Hawai'i State Capitol
425 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI. 96813

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB627 – RELATING TO SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES

Aloha Chair Gates, Vice Chair LoPresti and members of the House Committee on Culture and the Arts,

My name is Nainoa Thompson and I am the President of Polynesian Voyaging Society. All of us at PVS greatly appreciate this measure, which would permit the issuance of commemorative PVS license plates for electric vehicles as a fundraising source for our organization.

PVS is entirely dependent on fundraising and grants. The efforts of our small staff are uplifted by a legion of volunteers who support our mission: to perpetuate the art and science of traditional Polynesian voyaging and the spririt of exploration through programs that inspire students and their communities to respect and care for themselves, each other and their natural and cultural environments.

The Malama Honua Worldwide Voyage included more than 360 ports and 18 nations. Our next journey, Moananuiakea – A Voyage Around the Pacific, will be a true beacon of hope and revitalization. We plan to launch the voyage in 2022 in the Pacific's Indigenous communities and end 44 months later in its developed economies.

The ability to sell specialized plates to owners of electric vehicles will both reinforce PVS' alignment with and committment to a sustainable future for our planet and provide a very welcome income stream for our tiny organization.

An August 2019 article in the Honolulu Star-Advertiser stated that at that time there were close to 10,000 electric vehicles in Hawai'i. We have every expectation that this number has grown and will continue to increase. Allowing those vehicles to carry a PVS commemorative license plate would both honor and financially support the history of voyaging and navigation that PVS represents. I humbly request that your committee approve this measure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nainoa Thompson".

Nainoa Thompson

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SB-60

Submitted on: 2/15/2021 7:00:58 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/16/2021 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Erica Kamalu	Testifying for Polynesian Voyaging Society	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Gates, Vice Chair LoPresti and members of the House Committee on Culture and the Arts,

My name is Erica Kamalu and I am a volunteer member of the Polynesian Voyaging Society's Board of Directors. Mahalo for your support in advancing HB627, which would allow us to create and sell commemorative PVS license plates for electric vehicles as a fundraising source for our organization.

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The Malama Honua Worldwide Voyage included more than 360 ports and 18 nations. Our next journey, Moananuiakea – A Voyage Around the Pacific, which we plan to launch in 2022, will be a true beacon of hope and revitalization.

I believe Hawaii has played a leading role in committing to policies and practices that preserve the beauty and culture of Hawaii for future generations. This license plate would acknowledge the shared commitment of Hawaii and PVS to continue caring for these islands by pursuing innovative solutions to the challenges of our time.

I humbly request that your committee approve this measure.

SB-60

Submitted on: 2/12/2021 6:17:06 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/16/2021 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Hardy Spoehr	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha...My name is Hardy Spoehr, a PVS volunteer. I write in support of this measure - what better way to support our Hawai`i voyaging legacy and to educate those about our unique island culture given to us by our First People. The next undertaking of PVS will bring into being Kalakaua's vision of a Pacific Rim Hui which will further unite us all in efforts to to preserve and protect our ocean resources. Thank you for this opportunity to provide supportive testimony.

Hardy Spoehr

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SB-60

Submitted on: 2/15/2021 11:43:47 AM
Testimony for WAM on 2/16/2021 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Janice H Taketa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

The Polynesian Vogaging Society and the Hokule'a are very important to Hawaii's cultural and historical interests. It should be supported in all ways possible.

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SB-60

Submitted on: 2/15/2021 12:15:53 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/16/2021 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Adrian Kamali'i	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz and Vice Chair Keith-Agaran-

I am submitting testimony in strong support. HÅ• kÅ«le'a is a glowing representation around the world of Hawai'i and the ingenuity of centuries of indigenous knowledge. This is an opportunity to show support for the many lives and hands that have sustained HÅ• kÅ«le'a's vision and mission since the 1970s.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support.

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SB-60

Submitted on: 2/15/2021 12:54:17 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/16/2021 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Aulani Wilhelm	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha

I am writing in full support of SB60 and its companion HB627. I have been a crew member and volunteer with the Polynesian Voyaging Society since 1996 and know how reliant the organization is on donated funds and grants. This measure would provide a source of dedicated and essential income for all PVS programs and operations.

Importantly the license plate would commemorate our globally significant voyaging history and increase public understanding and pride in our collective past.

Mahalo for your support of this bill.

‘Aulani Wilhelm

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SB-60

Submitted on: 2/15/2021 1:35:43 PM
Testimony for WAM on 2/16/2021 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lynn Martinson Lui-Kwan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support allowing PVS to create and sell an EV license plate as a fundraising effort. This can potentially be a great revenue source for PVS and continue to support the good works of the Polynesian Voyaging Society which benefit all of us who live in Hawai'i nei.

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SB-60

Submitted on: 2/15/2021 5:11:36 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/16/2021 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jeannine Johnson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please support Bill 60 and PVS. Mahalo!

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SB-60

Submitted on: 2/15/2021 9:00:33 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/16/2021 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Marian Heidel	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I have been enthralled with the creation of the Hokuleia and its voyage conceived and carried out by the Polynesian Voyaging Society. I followed their journey continuously. I am so proud of them and join the Hawaiians in their pride of their culture.

PVS operates entirely on donated funds and grants. This measure would provide a source of dedicated income which would be very helpful to the operation.

The license plate would commemorate the proud history of Polynesian Voyaging in Hawai'i. Allowing it to serve as a fundraiser would perpetuate the mission of the PVS.

Sincerely, Marian Heidel, Kailua, Oahu

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SB-60

Submitted on: 2/15/2021 9:34:12 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/16/2021 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Amanda Ellis	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

PVS is a beloved organization showcasing HAwaiian indigenous wisdom and scientific prowess, values of courage and aloha, and drawing attention to the urgent need to save our precious planet. PVS operates entirely on donated funds and grants. This measure would provide source of dedicated income which would be very helpful to the operation.

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Submitted on: 2/16/2021 10:18:40 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/16/2021 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John N. Kittinger	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Senators,

I strongly support SB60, which will support the Polynesian Voyaging Society (PVS) via a **Commemorative PVS License Plate for Electric Vehicles**.

PVS operates entirely on donated funds and grants. This measure would provide source of dedicated income which would be very helpful to the operation.

The license plate would commemorate the proud history of Polynesian Voyaging in Hawai'i. Allowing it to serve as a fundraiser would perpetuate the mission of the PVS.

Thank you,

John N (Jack) Kittinger