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## SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE ELECTRIFICATION OF ENERGY EFFICIENT  
TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS IN HAWAI'I.

1           WHEREAS, Hawai'i has approximately 1.13 million cars,  
2 trucks, SUVs and motorcycles that are registered in Hawai'i; and  
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4           WHEREAS, Hawai'i drivers annually consume about 1.4 billion  
5 gallons of gasoline to power their vehicles; and  
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7           WHEREAS, Hawai'i's ground transportation sector is highly  
8 reliant on fossil fuels, and consumes about seventy-one per cent  
9 of the State's overall transportation fuel use; and  
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11           WHEREAS, the adoption of electric vehicles is an integral  
12 component towards achieving the State's transportation energy  
13 efficiency goals, and reducing its reliance on fossil-fuels; and  
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15           WHEREAS, developing an electric vehicle infrastructure is a  
16 first and essential step towards the electrification of  
17 transportation in Hawai'i; and  
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19           WHEREAS, the electrification of transportation will create  
20 jobs, foster economic growth, reduce greenhouse gas emissions,  
21 and stem the effects of climate change in Hawai'i; and  
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23           WHEREAS, with developing technology, and a movement by  
24 national and international automakers to expedite the production  
25 and supply of electric vehicles, Hawai'i must be ready to embrace  
26 a new generation of ground transportation; and  
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28           WHEREAS, to create and expedite the transformation from a  
29 fossil fuel-based transportation system to a more energy  
30 efficient electricity-based system, key stakeholders in the  
31 community must provide strong leadership to make this vision a  
32 reality; now, therefore,  
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34           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth  
35 Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2009,



1 that the Legislature believes Hawai'i must aggressively promote  
2 and develop alternatives to fossil-fuel modes of transportation,  
3 particularly the use of electric vehicles as a viable solution;  
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature recognizes that  
7 developing an electric vehicle charging infrastructure is an  
8 important first step in the transformation of transportation in  
9 Hawai'i; and

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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature urges all  
12 relevant stakeholders, including automobile dealers, rental car  
13 and commercial fleet operators, State and local government  
14 agencies, electric vehicle manufacturers, and infrastructure  
15 development specialists to collaborate on ways to expedite the  
16 adoption of electric vehicles in Hawai'i; and

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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
19 Resolution be transmitted to Hawai'i's congressional delegation;  
20 the Governor; Department of Transportation; Department of  
21 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; United States  
22 Department of Transportation; United States Department of  
23 Energy; Mayor of each county; Hawaii Automobile Dealers  
24 Association; and Hawaii Transportation Association.

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