
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE ELECTRIFICATION OF ENERGY-EFFICIENT
TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS IN HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, approximately 1.13 million cars, trucks, sports
2 utility vehicles, and motorcycles are registered in Hawaii; and
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4 WHEREAS, drivers in Hawaii consume about 1.4 billion
5 gallons of gasoline annually to power their vehicles; and
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7 WHEREAS, Hawaii's ground-transportation sector relies
8 heavily on fossil fuels and consumes approximately 71 percent of
9 the state's overall transportation fuel use; and
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11 WHEREAS, the adoption of electric vehicles is an integral
12 component toward achieving Hawaii'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 in the electrification of
17 transportation in Hawaii; 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; and
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23 WHEREAS, with technological developments and a push by
24 domestic and international automakers to expedite the production
25 and distribution of electric vehicles, Hawaii must be ready to
26 embrace a new generation of ground transportation; and
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28 WHEREAS, to create and expedite the transition 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 effective leadership to transform this
32 vision into reality; and



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1 WHEREAS, the State must aggressively promote and develop
2 alternatives to fossil-fuel-based modes of transportation,
3 particularly through the use of electric vehicles; and
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5 WHEREAS, the development of an electric-vehicle charging
6 infrastructure is an important first step in the transformation
7 of Hawaii's transportation future; now, therefore,
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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
10 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
11 of 2009, the Senate concurring, that all relevant stakeholders,
12 including the State and counties, automobile dealers, rental-car
13 and commercial-fleet operators, and electric-vehicle
14 manufacturers and infrastructure-development specialists
15 collaborate to expedite the adoption of electric vehicles in
16 Hawaii; and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
19 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to Hawaii's congressional
20 delegation; the Secretary of Transportation; the Secretary of
21 Energy; the Governor; the Director of Transportation; the
22 Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; the
23 mayors of Honolulu, Hawaii, Maui, and Kauai; the Hawaii
24 Automobile Dealers Association; and the Hawaii Transportation
25 Alliance.
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