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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE ELECTRIFICATION OF ENERGY EFFICIENT
TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS IN HAWAII.

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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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
 2 Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2009, the
 3 House of Representatives concurring, that the Legislature
 4 believes Hawai'i must aggressively promote and develop
 5 alternatives to fossil-fuel modes of transportation,
 6 particularly the use of electric vehicles as a viable solution;
 7 and

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 9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature recognizes that
 10 developing an electric vehicle charging infrastructure is an
 11 important first step in the transformation of transportation in
 12 Hawai'i; and

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

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

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