



GOV. MSG. NO. 1271

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
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NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
GOVERNOR

June 27, 2012

The Honorable Shan Tsutsui, President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

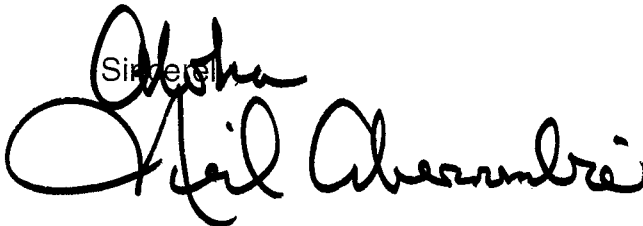
The Honorable Calvin Say, Speaker  
and Members of the House  
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Tsutsui, Speaker Say and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 27, 2012, the following bill was signed into law:

SB2746 SD1 HD3 CD1

RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLES.  
**Act 168 (12)**

*Sincerely,*  


NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
Governor, State of Hawaii

Approved by the Governor

JUN 27 2012

on

THE SENATE  
TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE, 2012  
STATE OF HAWAII

ACT 168

S.B. NO.

2746  
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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLES.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1 SECTION 1. Act 290, Session Laws of Hawaii 1997,  
2 established incentives for the registration, licensing, parking,  
3 and operation of electric vehicles.

4 The purpose of this Act is to supersede Act 290, Session  
5 Laws of Hawaii 1997.

6 SECTION 2. (a) The department of transportation may adopt  
7 rules pursuant to chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for the  
8 registration of, and issuance of special license plates for,  
9 electric vehicles.

10 (b) An electric vehicle on which an electric vehicle  
11 license plate is affixed shall be exempt from payment of parking  
12 fees, including those collected through parking meters, charged  
13 by any state or county authority in this State, except that this  
14 exemption shall not apply:

15 (1) For more than two and one-half hours of metered  
16 parking, or the maximum amount of time the meter  
17 allows, whichever is longer; or



1 (2) To parking fees assessed in increments longer than one  
2 twenty-four-hour day, including weekly, monthly, or  
3 annual parking permits.

4 (c) An electric vehicle on which an electric vehicle  
5 license plate is affixed shall be exempt from high occupancy  
6 vehicle lane restrictions.

7 (d) For the purposes of this Act:

8 "Electric vehicle" means:

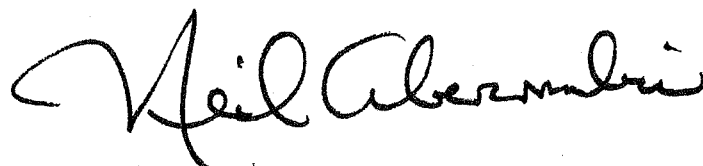
9 (1) A neighborhood electric vehicle; or

10 (2) A vehicle, with four or more wheels, that draws  
11 propulsion energy from a battery with at least four  
12 kilowatt hours of energy storage capacity that can be  
13 recharged from an external source of electricity.

14 SECTION 3. Act 290, Session Laws of Hawaii 1997, is  
15 repealed.

16 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval  
17 and shall be repealed on June 30, 2020.

APPROVED this 27 day of JUN, 2012



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII