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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM TO DETERMINE FINANCING MECHANISMS TO ASSIST PRIVATE PARKING LOT OWNERS WITH THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH PROVIDING PARKING STALLS AND CHARGING UNITS FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLES.

1 WHEREAS, one of the Legislature's ongoing priorities has
2 been promoting sustainability and exploring various options to
3 lessen the State's dependency on fossil fuels; and
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5 WHEREAS, Act 290, Session Laws of Hawaii 1997, established
6 the State policy to support and encourage the use of electric
7 vehicles; and
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9 WHEREAS, Act 156, Session Laws of Hawaii 2009, furthered
10 the promotion and development of alternative transportation by,
11 among other things, requiring that parking facilities with at
12 least 100 parking spaces designate one percent of the parking
13 spaces exclusively for electric vehicles by December 31, 2011,
14 and also requiring an electric vehicle charging unit; and
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16 WHEREAS, the federal government has also offered attractive
17 tax incentives to taxpayers that purchase electric vehicles; and
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19 WHEREAS, while the Legislature continues to be supportive
20 of these efforts, the needs of Hawaii's businesses must also be
21 considered; and
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23 WHEREAS, the cost of installing an electric vehicle
24 charging unit can be cost-prohibitive to businesses, with
25 estimates ranging from \$16,000 to \$25,000, depending on the type
26 of unit and infrastructure upgrade requirements; and



1 WHEREAS, the cost of the electric vehicle charging unit
2 installed at the State Capitol in 2011 was approximately \$8,000;
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5 WHEREAS, incentives or subsidies to help the owners of
6 private parking lots to defray the costs of the implementation
7 of Act 156, Session Laws of Hawaii 2009, should be considered;
8 now, therefore,
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10 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
11 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012,
12 that the Department of Business, Economic Development, and
13 Tourism is requested to determine financing mechanisms to assist
14 private parking lot owners with the costs associated with
15 providing parking stalls, electric vehicle charging units, and
16 other requirements under Act 156, Session laws of Hawaii 2009;
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii State Energy Office,
20 through its Hawaii Clean Energy Initiative and its
21 transportation technical working group, consider, among other
22 things, funding mechanisms such as a surcharge to dealerships
23 that sell electric vehicles and subsidies or tax incentives for
24 businesses that are required to comply with Act 156, Session
25 Laws of Hawaii 2009; and
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Business,
28 Economic Development, and Tourism or the Energy Administrator of
29 the Hawaii State Energy Office request input from the following:
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- 31 (1) The Department of Taxation;
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- 33 (2) The Department of Budget and Finance;
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- 35 (3) The Disability and Communication Access Board;
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- 37 (4) The City and County of Honolulu;
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- 39 (5) The County of Kauai;
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- 41 (6) The County of Hawaii;
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- 43 (7) The County of Maui;
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- 1 (8) The Maui Electric Vehicle Alliance;
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- 3 (9) The auto dealership industry, particularly dealerships
- 4 that sell electric vehicles, representing each county
- 5 of the State;
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- 7 (10) Industry representatives such as parking lot owners,
- 8 shopping center managers, and charging station
- 9 installers; and
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- 11 (11) A representative from a neighbor island chamber of
- 12 commerce; and
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Business,
 15 Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to submit a
 16 report of its findings, including its recommendations and any
 17 proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty
 18 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2013; and
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 21 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director of Business,
 22 Economic Development, and Tourism, Director of Taxation,
 23 Director of Finance, Energy Administrator, Executive Director of
 24 the Disability and Communication Access Board, Mayor of the City
 25 and County of Honolulu, Mayor of the County of Kauai, Mayor of
 26 the County of Hawaii, Mayor of the County of Maui, President of
 27 the Hawaii Automobile Dealers Association, and the Maui Electric
 28 Vehicle Alliance.
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