April 17, 2014

The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim,  
President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Joseph M. Souki,  
Speaker and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Kim, Speaker Souki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on April 17, 2014, the following bill was signed into law:

SB2138 SD1 RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLES

ACT 023 (14)

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawaii
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLES.

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

SECTION 1. Section 286-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending the definition of "neighborhood electric vehicle" to read as follows:

"'Neighborhood electric vehicle' means a self-propelled electrically powered motor vehicle to which all of the following apply:

(1) The vehicle is emission free;
(2) The vehicle is designed to be and is operated at speeds of twenty-five miles per hour or less;
(3) The vehicle has four wheels in contact with the ground;
(4) The vehicle has a gross vehicle weight rating of less than [two] three thousand [five hundred] pounds; and
(5) The vehicle conforms to the minimum safety equipment requirements as adopted in the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 500, Low Speed Vehicles (49 C.F.R. 571.500)."
SECTION 2. Section 291C-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending the definition of "neighborhood electric vehicle" to read as follows:

"Neighborhood electric vehicle" means a self-propelled electrically powered motor vehicle to which all of the following apply:

(1) The vehicle is emission free;

(2) The vehicle is designed to be and is operated at speeds of twenty-five miles per hour or less;

(3) The vehicle has [at least] four wheels in contact with the ground;

(4) The vehicle has [an unladen] a gross vehicle weight rating of less than [one thousand eight hundred] three thousand pounds; and

(5) The vehicle conforms to the minimum safety equipment requirements as adopted in the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 500, Low Speed Vehicles (49 C.F.R. 571.500)."

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED this 17 day of APR, 2014

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII