

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

357

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 14 2019

RE: S.B. No. 409
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred S.B. No. 409 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish an annual electric vehicle registration surcharge fee to be deposited into the state highway fund.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation and Hawaii Transportation Association. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, Global Automakers, Ulupono Initiative, Blue Planet Foundation, Hawaii Automobile Dealers' Association, and five individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaiian Electric Company Inc. and Tesla.

Your Committee finds that electric vehicles, hybrid vehicles, and other alternative fuel vehicles provide many benefits for the environment. Your Committee believes that more residents will switch to an electric, hybrid, or alternative fuel vehicle in the near future. However, because electric vehicles, hybrid vehicles, and other alternative fuel vehicles use either less or no fuel, they are not subject to, or pay less in, fuel taxes. Fuel taxes are an important source of revenue for the Department of



Transportation to fund the repair and maintenance of Hawaii's roads. As these types of vehicles still inflict wear and tear on public roads, this measure ensures that all vehicle owners share responsibility and contribute to the upkeep of Hawaii's highway infrastructure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Including plug-in electric hybrid vehicles, alternative fuel vehicles, and hybrid vehicles in the types of vehicles subject to the annual vehicle registration surcharge;
- (2) Clarifying that the annual vehicle registration surcharge shall only apply to electric vehicles, plug-in hybrid vehicles, alternative fuel vehicles, and hybrid vehicles manufactured after 2018;
- (3) Inserting a surcharge fee of \$15; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 409, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 409, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Transportation,


LORRAINE R. INOUE, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Transportation
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Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SB 409</i>	Committee Referral: <i>TRS, WAM</i>	Date: <i>2/6/19</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (C)	✓			
HARIMOTO, Breene (VC)	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	5			
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Breene Harit</i>				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes