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# STATE'S NEW MOBILE APP PINPOINTS ELECTRIC VEHICLE STATIONS THROUGHOUT HAWAII

HONOLULU — The State of Hawaii has launched a new mobile application (app) designed to help drivers locate publically available electric vehicle (EV) charging stations statewide. The free "EV Stations Hawaii" app is available for Apple and Android smartphones and mobile devices.

"The EV Stations Hawaii app is a great example of our state using new technology to advance the widespread use of electric vehicles in Hawaii," said Gov. Neil Abercrombie. "Convenience is key to further the adoption of EVs, which are part of Hawaii's clean transportation future and move us toward reducing our dependency on imported oil."

The app provides drivers with EV charging station locations and mapping directions for all four counties. Users can use the app to search for EV stations across Hawaii or for EV stations closest to their current location.

"The app is part of a collection of self-help tools our State Energy Office has created to enhance the overall EV experience in Hawaii," said Richard Lim, director of Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT).

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"The adoption of electric vehicles is a key component in the state's aggressive pursuit of 70 percent clean energy by the year 2030," explained State Energy Administrator Mark Glick. "We hope the user-friendly app will help to deflate any range anxiety EV drivers may have by conveniently providing them with public charging station locations on-the-go."

The EV Stations Hawaii app is a partnership between DBEDT, Hawaii Information Consortium (HIC) and Honolulu Clean Cities. It is part of the state Office of Information Management and Technology's open data movement.

"Being able to locate a good charging spot for your EV is very important," said Russell Castagnaro, General Manager of HIC (NASDAQ:EGOV). "No matter how adventurous you are, the last thing you want is to run your battery down to empty. This new app will make sure that drivers are always finding the nearest charger."

The State Energy Office's database of public EV charging stations is also available online at electricvehicle.hawaii.gov. Property owners or managers with an EV charging station can complete the form found on this site to add their charging station details to the database.

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### Media Note: EV Stations Hawaii app icon attached.

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