HB 3230 would appropriate funds for the study of infrastructure requirements of a large scale introduction of electric vehicles in Hawaii.

Our statement on this bill does not reflect an institutional position of the University of Hawaii.

We certainly concur with the intent of this bill to promote the development of alternatives to fossil fuel consuming transportation systems in Hawaii. However, it should be noted that, unless the alternative vehicles are fully solar powered or rely on biomass-derived alternative fuels, they will still remain fundamentally dependent on fossil fuel burning.