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Five county EV charging stations available for public use

LĪHU'E – County officials today announced that five of the county's electric vehicle (EV) charging stations are now available for the public to use.

Two of the new charging stations can be found next to the Kaua'i Museum fronting Rice Street. One is situated next to the Pi'ikoi Building by the old Big Save loading dock. Two other units are located next to the Historic County Building.

The charging stations are known as "Level 2" stations, which provide charging at 208/240 volts for vehicles that have a J-1772 port such as the Chevy Volt and Nissan Leaf.

In order to use the charging stations, the public will have to call a toll-free number, 888-833-2148, provide a credit card and indicate how many hours of charging the user wants to purchase. The cost is \$2 an hour, which was set last month by Ordinance No. 930.

Each of the charging units is numbered so the caller and customer service representative that answers the call will be able to determine which unit should be activated. And a Quick Start Guide that shows how to operate the system is located next to each station.

"Supporting the use of electric vehicles on Kaua'i is a major component of the Kaua'i Energy Sustainability Plan," said Mayor Bernard Carvalho, Jr. "We are very pleased to be able to offer the public access to EV charging stations, and hope the convenience will encourage others to purchase electric vehicles."

In 2011, the county received a \$276,000 EV Ready Grant from the state Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

The grant made it possible for the county to implement a comprehensive EV support and outreach program, which included the purchase of 10 EV chargers, five for county use and five for public use, along with five Nissan Leafs for county use.

During his inaugural speech titled *Holo Holo 2020*, the mayor spoke about his vision for Kaua'i in the year 2020, which includes him driving an electric vehicle and being able to charge it at stations around the island.

The installation of electric vehicle charging stations is one of 38 projects that are part of Mayor Carvalho's Holo Holo 2020 vision for Kaua'i, which calls for all organizations, businesses, residents and visitors on Kaua'i to be part of creating an island that is sustainable, values the native culture, has a thriving and healthy economy, cares for all – keiki to kupuna – and has a responsible and user-friendly local government.



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