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Hale'iwa joins Hawaiian Electric's EV fast charger network

HONOLULU, June 27, 2019 –Hawaiian Electric Company has opened its 10th electric vehicle fast charger on Oʻahu near the soon-to-open StoneFish Italian Restaurant at the Haleʻiwa Town Center, 66-145 Kamehameha Highway.

The new charger helps fill a gap between Central and Windward O'ahu and the North Shore and should help relieve some "range anxiety" by EV drivers concerned about the distance.

The Hale'iwa fast charger supports CHAdeMO (used mostly by EVs like the Nissan Leaf, Mitsubishi i-MiEV and Kia Soul EV) and CCS (used by American and European EVs like the BMW i3 and as an option on the Chevy Bolt.). It will offer charging at the same time-of-use rate as other utility fast chargers, with lowest rates from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"Residents of the North Shore care about the environment. The Hale'iwa Town Center is happy to help our community and visitors by providing a fast charger in our convenient location," said Will Schoettle, center owner.

This fast charger recharges a typical EV battery up to 43 miles in 15 minutes. In addition to being less expensive to drive and needing less maintenance than gasoline vehicles, EVs on Oʻahu get free parking in municipal lots and metered parking and may use high-occupancy vehicle lanes with only one person aboard. Federal tax credits are available for the purchase of an EV.

"We are happy to add a publicly accessible fast charger on the North Shore to alleviate range anxiety for those living on and traveling that side of Oʻahu," said Jimmy Yao, Hawaiian Electric acting director for transportation electrification. "This is particularly important, because there are relatively few public charging opportunities along Kamehameha Highway between our existing fast chargers at Dole Plantation and Koʻolau Center."

The Hawaiian Electric Companies now operate 17 fast chargers across five islands. For locations and prices, visit hawaiianelectric.com/GOEV. To locate any of the other 350 Level 2 chargers across the islands, visit plugshare.com.

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