

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 2503
H.D. 2
S.D. 1

Honorable Robert Bunda
President of the Senate
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Transportation and Government Operations and Intergovernmental Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 2503, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DERELICT VEHICLE,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to delete the requirement that a vehicle be ten years or older to be deemed a derelict vehicle for purposes of disposal, and to remove the word "previous" in relation to registration for purposes of qualifying for derelict vehicle disposal.

This measure also makes a conforming amendment to change references to Housing and Community Development Corporation of Hawaii to Hawaii Public Housing Administration and related references.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from State Attorney General, Maui County Mayor, and Honolulu Department of Customer Services.

Your Committees find that this measure would allow for the faster removal of abandoned vehicles from public roadways while simultaneously saving the counties time and expense of auctioning vehicles in such poor condition. Vehicles that are ten years or older are rarely claimed or purchased at auction. Your Committees find that the County of Maui has a particularly acute problem of



abandoned vehicles. According to testimony, on any given day there are approximately 120 vehicles waiting to be towed. This backlog is due in large part to current law that specifies when vehicles may be considered derelict. This measure would give the counties the immediate authority to tow and process vehicles that are less than ten years old and clearly derelict.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting the repeal of the word "previous" in relation to registration for purposes of qualifying the vehicle as derelict; and
- (2) Changing the effective date to upon approval.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Transportation and Government Operations and Intergovernmental Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2503, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2503, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committees on Transportation and Government Operations and Intergovernmental Affairs,



DAVID Y. ISE, Chair



LORRAINE R. INOUE, Chair



