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February 11, 2007

LATE TESTIMONY

The Honorable Joseph M. Souki, Chair
and Members
Committee on Transportation
House of Representatives
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Souki and Members:

Subject: House Bill No. 3228, Relating to Abandoned Vehicles


I am Captain Edward Nishi of District 5 (Kalihi) of the Honolulu Police Department, City and County of Honolulu.

The Honolulu Police Department opposes House Bill No. 3228, Relating to Abandoned Vehicles. The City and County of Honolulu already allows law enforcement officers to cite and tow abandoned vehicles on private roadways.

We urge you to oppose the passage of House Bill No. 3228.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,


EDWARD NISHI, Captain
District 5

APPROVED:



for: BOISSE P. CORREA
Chief of Police

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February 8, 2008

The Honorable Joseph M. Souki, Chair
and Committee Members
Committee on Transportation
House of Representatives
State of Hawaii
State Capitol, Room 441
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

LATE TESTIMONY

Dear Chair Souki and Committee Members:

Subject: H.B. No. 3228, Relating to Abandoned Vehicles

The City and County of Honolulu is opposed to H.B. No. 3228 which requires the counties to remove abandoned vehicles from any private road.

Section 290-11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, provides the statutory authority for private property owners to remove abandoned vehicles from private roads. This section requires the property owners to provide a specific notice prohibiting vehicles to park on the private roads without authorization. In order to prevent the towing of an unsuspecting party's vehicle, the section requires that "The notice shall be of such size and be placed in a location reasonable calculated to call the sign to the attention of potential parkers."

The bill defines unlawfully parked as being not operable. The counties will not be able to determine if a vehicle is operable unless we are able to start the vehicle. If a vehicle contains all of its major components, we have to assume that the vehicle is operable.

Finally, there are numerous private roads throughout the State, including agricultural land and undeveloped private land. The cost for removal of such vehicles from private roads may require authorization by the legislature to amend Section 286-51, HRS, so that we may increase the highway beautification fee that we charge to vehicle owners.

The City and County of Honolulu recommends that HB No. 3228 be filed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dennis A. Kamimura".

DENNIS A. KAMIMURA
Licensing Administrator

Testimony in Support of H.B. No. 3228
A Bill for an Act, Relating to Abandoned Vehicles

LATE TESTIMONY

House of Representative
Twenty-Fourth Legislature, 2008
State of Hawaii

Subject: H.B. No. 3228
Relating to Abandoned Vehicles

Dear Representatives

We have just been informed that there is a bill that is up for vote HB3228 . We are out of town at this time but wanted to express that we are in support of this bill. We live on a private lane in Kaimuki (2165 E. 10th Ave). On several different occasions' people that have no ownership on our lane have dumped their non running cars on our lane. We could not even drive up our lane to our house at one point. One car was removed because it blocked a fire hydrant, but others just take up space so property owners lose parking spaces. Space is so limited for guests on our lane and we are stuck with these rusty eye sores.

We request that you approve H.B. No. 3228. Your approval of H.B. No. 3228 will really help our community and Hawaii to stay the beautiful place it should be.

Thank you,

Tim and Nikki Robinson
2165E 10th ave
Honolulu, Hawaii 96816

Testimony in Support of H.B. No. 3228
A Bill for an Act, Relating to Abandoned Vehicles

LATE TESTIMONY

February 9, 2008

House of Representative
State of Hawaii

Dear Representatives

Subject: H.B. No. 3228
A Bill for an Act, Relating to Abandoned Vehicles

I just heard about the above bill and definitely support and hope you approve H.B. No. 3228. Your approval of H.B. No. 3228 will help those of us who live on private lanes = we need some legal way to have abandoned vehicles removed that are just left on our property.

I live on a private dead end lane that serves about a dozen people who live on the lane. Because it is a dead end lane we only have one access in and out. If someone decides to dump a car on our lane we are stuck because the city will not force it's removal. The lane is already small enough let alone they leave their abandoned wreck in the lane, taking up what limited space there is. It's just an eye sore. The passing of this bill might deter people from leaving their non running cars on private lanes, or assist us in not having to live with junk cars, which has caused many difficulties in our lives.

Your approval of H.B. No. 3228 would benefit my whole neighborhood where we have several private lanes.

Thank you very much for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

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