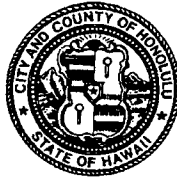


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March 30, 2009

The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
and Committee Members
Committee on Judiciary and
Government Operations
The Senate
State Capitol, Room 227
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Taniguchi and Committee Members:

Subject: H.B. No. 1422 H.D.1, Relating to Abandoned Vehicles

The City and County of Honolulu, with the concurrence of Hawaii, Kauai and Maui counties, has concerns with H.B. No. 1422 H.D. 1 which will require the counties to remove possible abandoned vehicles from private roads.

Section 290-11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, already provides legal authority for private property owners to remove vehicles abandoned on their private property.

If it is the intent of the Legislature to require the counties to remove inoperable vehicles from a private roadway, we recommend the following amendments to prevent the removal of operable vehicles that are parked by unsuspecting vehicle owners:

Page 1, Line 17. (A) It is a derelict as defined in section 290-8; and

Page 2, Line 1. (B) There is a sign placed in a location reasonably calculated to call the sign to the attention of potential parkers prohibiting vehicles to park on the property without authorization.

The owner or at least one of the co-owners of the private road shall request, in writing, to the appropriate county authority for the removal of the vehicle. The owner of a private road requesting the removal of an abandoned vehicle shall pay the county for the removal of the vehicle and is deemed to agree to indemnify and hold the county harmless for any claims against the county for the removal and disposal of the vehicle. All such vehicles shall be disposed in accordance with section 290-9.

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Finally, in order to provide sufficient time for the owners of the private road to place the appropriate signage and the counties to develop the forms that will be used by the owner of the private road, we recommend that the effective date be January 1, 2010.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis A. Kamimura". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "D".

DENNIS A. KAMIMURA
Licensing Administrator