

H.B. 1241, H.D.1
Relating to Abandoned Vehicles
Hearing: Thursday, March 3, 2011 at 2:30 p.m., Room 329

Chair Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee on Judiciary:

I am Paul Kopel, General Manager/Vice President—Hawaii, testifying on behalf of EAN Holdings, LLC, operating Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Alamo Rent-A-Car and National Car Rental in Hawaii (collectively referred to as “Enterprise”).

Enterprise **supports** H.B. 1241, HD1, which extends to 20 business days the time period during which the registered owners of an abandoned vehicle with an out-of-state address may repossess the vehicle before it may be subject to disposal. Currently, Hawai‘i law provides a 10-day window for repossession by the legal and registered owner of an abandoned vehicle.

H.B. 1241, HD1 would establish a more practicable timeframe within which certain vehicle owners like Enterprise may recover vehicles that have been towed away after being classified as “abandoned.” Enterprise owns many thousands of vehicles and does not have complete control over their treatment by lessees. Sometimes, lessees mistreat or “abandon” rentals, and a 10-day window is simply not enough time for Enterprise to be assured it can recover such vehicles.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.