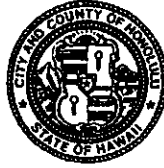


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February 10, 2011

The Honorable Joseph M. Souki, Chair
and Committee Members
Committee on Transportation
House of Representatives
State of Hawaii
State Capitol, Room 426
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Souki and Committee Members:

Subject: H.B. No. 1241, Relating to Abandoned Vehicles

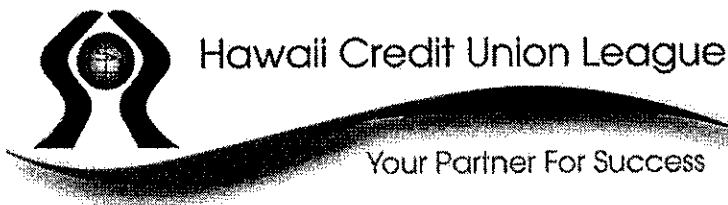
The City and County of Honolulu is opposed to H.B. No. 1241 which adds more time for the vehicle owner to claim a towed abandoned vehicle before the vehicle may be auctioned.

Based on the current statutorily required investigation, owner notification, and auction publication requirements, the earliest that an abandoned vehicle will be auctioned is approximately 23 calendar days after the vehicle had been marked as an abandoned vehicle (goldenrod notice placed on the vehicle's windshield and tires marked). We believe that a minimum of 23 calendar days is sufficient time for a vehicle owner to notice that the vehicle is being investigated as an abandoned vehicle and begin an inquiry with the Honolulu Police Department after the vehicle had been towed from where it was parked. Additionally, if the vehicle owner had provided the motor vehicle office a correct mailing address, the owner would have received the certified mailing. Adding 10 working days before an unclaimed towed abandoned vehicle is auctioned will place an unnecessary burden on the City's tow contractors' limited storage facilities.

The City and County of Honolulu recommends that H.B. No. 1241 be held.

Sincerely,

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Testimony to the House Committee on Transportation
Monday, February 14, 2011, at 9:00 a.m.

Testimony in support of HB 1241, Relating to Abandoned Vehicles

To: The Honorable Joseph Souki, Chair
The Honorable Linda Ichiyama, Vice-Chair
Members of the Committee on Transportation

My name is Stefanie Sakamoto, and I am testifying on behalf of the Hawaii Credit Union League, the local trade association for 85 Hawaii credit unions, representing approximately 810,000 credit union members across the state.

HB 1241, Relating to Abandoned Vehicles would extend the time period during which the legal and registered owner of an abandoned vehicle may repossess the vehicle before it may be subject to disposal. This would give the financier of an abandoned vehicle more time to contact the borrower, in the event that the abandoned vehicle was financed with a loan.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

H.B. 1241
Relating to Abandoned Vehicles
Hearing: Monday, February 14, 2011 at 9:00 a.m., Room 309

Chair Joseph M. Souki and Members of the Committee on Transportation:

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, which extends the time period during which the legal and registered owner of an abandoned vehicle 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. This measure would lengthen this time period to 20 business days.

H.B. 1241 would establish a more practicable timeframe within which vehicle owners 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” vehicles, 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.