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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HIGHWAY SAFETY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that new cars sold within
2 the State of Hawaii are typically covered under warranties
3 lasting a minimum of three years or thirty-six thousand miles.
4 As Hawaii drivers do not typically exceed thirty-six thousand
5 miles within two or even three years of purchasing a new car,
6 requiring drivers to obtain a certificate of inspection within
7 two years of purchasing a new car imposes an undue burden on new
8 car drivers and is not in the best interest of the State.

9 The legislature further finds that in 2008, the North
10 Carolina General Assembly Program Evaluation Division released a
11 report entitled: "Doubtful Return on the Public's \$141 Million
12 Investment in Poorly Managed Vehicle Inspection Programs". The
13 report included an extensive review of other jurisdictions'
14 requirements at the time, and found that twenty-seven states and
15 Washington, D.C., did not have safety inspection programs and
16 ten states provided three-year exemptions for new vehicles.

17 The report recommended that North Carolina reevaluate the
18 need for a safety inspection program, as the "impact of the



1 safety program is difficult to measure", or consider exempting
2 vehicles from the three newest model years, which would "allow
3 the state to focus on ensuring cars that are more likely to fail
4 are getting inspected".

5 The legislature also finds that technological advances and
6 efficiencies in materials and processes in the manufacturing of
7 automobiles and its parts or accessories over the past decade
8 have become more reliable and resistant to general wear-and-
9 tear. Specifically, the vehicles coming off the assembly line
10 and into our communities today are expected to have a stronger
11 likelihood of not failing a safety inspection within their
12 initial three years of operation than similar vehicles that were
13 manufactured a decade ago. According to the Center for
14 Automotive Research in 2010, between \$16,000,000,000 and
15 \$18,000,000,000 is spent each year by the automotive industry on
16 research and development, which includes vehicle safety aspects.
17 The legislature finds that the amount of funds dedicated to
18 research and development increases the likelihood that future
19 automobiles will be even safer to operate than they are today.

20 The purpose of this Act is to require a certificate of
21 inspection every twenty-four months for all vehicles.



1 SECTION 2. Section 286-26, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsections (a) and (b) to read as follows:

3 "(a) The following vehicles shall be certified as provided
4 in subsection (e) once every [~~year~~] twenty-four months:

5 (1) Trucks, truck-tractors, semitrailers, and pole
6 trailers having a gross vehicle weight rating of more
7 than 10,000 pounds;

8 (2) Buses;

9 (3) Rental or U-drive motor vehicles two years of age or
10 older; and

11 (4) Taxicabs.

12 Ambulances shall be certified as provided in subsection (e) once
13 every six months.

14 (b) All other vehicles, including motorcycles, trailers,
15 semitrailers, and pole trailers having a gross vehicle weight
16 rating of 10,000 pounds or less, and antique motor vehicles as
17 defined in section 249-1, except those in subsections (c) and
18 (d), shall be certified as provided in subsection (e) every
19 [~~twelve~~] twenty-four months; provided that any vehicle to which
20 this subsection applies shall not require inspection within [~~two~~
21 years] twenty-four months of the date on which the vehicle was
22 first sold."



1 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

3 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2016.

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Report Title:

Transportation; Vehicle Inspection Exemption

Description:

Requires obtaining a certificate of vehicle inspection every twenty-four months for all vehicles. Takes effect 1/1/2016.
(SD1)

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