
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 286-41(a), Hawaii Revised Statutes,
2 requires that every owner of a motor vehicle which is to be
3 operated upon the public highways shall apply to the director of
4 finance of the county where the vehicle is to be operated, for
5 the registration thereof. Section 286-42, Hawaii Revised
6 Statutes, allows the county director of finance to enter into a
7 contract with new car dealerships and motor vehicle rental
8 companies for the registration of new motor vehicles.

9 The legislature finds that the registration of used cars or
10 previously owned vehicles is the responsibility of the
11 individual buyer, whereas the registration of new cars is
12 commonly undertaken by the dealership. The legislature further
13 finds that used car dealerships and rental car companies are
14 increasing their sales of used cars in response to growing
15 consumer demand. The legislature further finds that car dealers
16 and rental car companies should be able to register used cars



1 when the cars are sold to the same extent as new car dealers and
2 motor vehicle rental companies.

3 The purpose of this Act is to allow the respective county
4 directors of finance to enter into contracts with car
5 dealerships and motor vehicle rental companies to register used
6 cars.

7 SECTION 2. Section 286-41, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
8 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

9 "(a) Every owner of a motor vehicle which is to be
10 operated upon the public highways shall, for each vehicle owned,
11 except as herein otherwise provided~~[7]~~ and except as provided in
12 section 286-42(c), apply to the director of finance of the
13 county where the vehicle is to be operated, for the registration
14 thereof. If a vehicle is moved to another county and is to be
15 operated upon the public highways of that county, the existing
16 certificate of registration shall be valid until its expiration
17 date, at which time the owner shall apply to the director of
18 finance of the county in which the vehicle is then located for
19 the registration of the vehicle, whether or not the owner is
20 domiciled in the county or the owner's principal place of
21 business is in that county, except that this provision shall not



1 apply to vehicles which are temporarily transferred to another
2 county for a period of not more than three months."

3 SECTION 3. Section 286-42, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

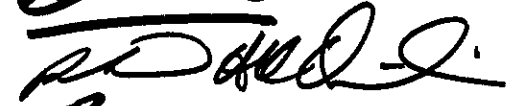
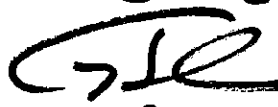
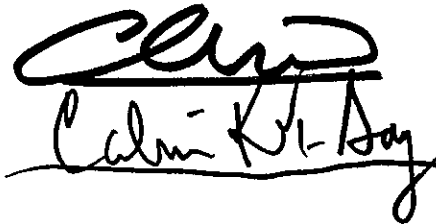
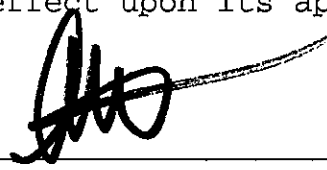
5 "(c) The director of finance may enter into a contract
6 with [new] car dealerships and motor vehicle rental companies
7 for the registration of new and used motor vehicles consistent
8 with any statute, ordinance, or provision of any applicable
9 collective bargaining agreement. The director of finance may
10 adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91 as may be necessary for the
11 application, bonding, and procedural requirements of [such] the
12 contractor."

13 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
14 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

15 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:



H.B. NO. 740

Report Title:

Motor Vehicle Registration; Used Cars

Description:

Authorizes the counties to enter into contracts with dealers and rental car companies for the registration of used cars.

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HADA testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of
HB740

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION

Presented to the House Committee on Transportation
at the public hearing to be held
10 a.m. Wednesday, February 11, 2015
in Conference Room 309, Hawaii State Capitol

by the Members of the Hawaii Automobile Dealers Association
Hawaii's franchised new car dealers

Chair Aquino, Vice Chair LoPresti, and Members of the Committee:

I am David Rolf, representing the members of the Hawaii Automobile Dealers Association, Hawaii's franchised new car dealers.

The association strongly supports HB740 which authorizes the counties to enter into contracts with dealers and rental car companies for the electronic registration of used cars.

The language proposed to be added in the statute will allow the Director of Finance to contract with new car dealers and rental car agencies for the registration of new and USED vehicles.

Dealers will employ third-party companies to develop the software, train the dealerships, and provide support for the online connection with county departments of motor vehicles for the online electronic processing of automotive registrations.

There are already statutes on the books that stipulate that electronic records are the same, for legal purposes, as paper records.

§92-30 Copy deemed original record. A photograph, microphotograph, reproduction on film, **or electronic copy** of a government record shall be deemed to be an original record for all purposes, including introduction in evidence in all courts or administrative agencies. A transcript, exemplification, facsimile, or certified copy thereof, for

all purposes recited in this section, shall be deemed to be a transcript, exemplification, facsimile, or certified copy of the original record. [L 1945, c 26, pt of §1; RL 1955, §7-6; HRS §92-30; am L 2005, c 177, §4]

The electronic transmission and storage of documents improves a service to customers who will enjoy faster processing of their documents and eliminate a need for dealerships to, in many instances, send people to stand in line at DMVs to register a vehicle on behalf of the customers.

The addition of USED vehicles through HB740 will help modernize Hawaii's paper-centric process to an efficient electronic process...for the benefit of ALL.

HADA thanks the sponsors and co-signers of HB740 and respectfully requests that the committee pass it forward during this legislative session.

Respectfully submitted,

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