

**Chair Luke
Vice Chair Cullen
House Committee on Finance**

**Friday February 23, 2018
2:00 PM**

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB1800 HD1 RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE TIRES

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, Members of the House Committee on Finance,

My name is Jun Shin and as a board member at-large for Young Progressives Demanding Action – Hawaii (YPDA Hawaii), a member of the Common Good Coalition. I am **testifying in support of HB1800 HD1** relating to motor vehicle tires.

Abandoned tires bring problems to the environment through tire fires that deteriorate the conditions of the areas affect by the tire fires. This is alongside the fact that many of these abandoned tires could be in potentially environmentally sensitive area. To the individual people of Hawaii, we are negatively affected in the form of mosquitoes and the diseases that are bound to follow, which would be detrimental to our health.

I would also like to add that there are potential dangers to people driving vehicles if these tires keep being dumped into our streets and our roads. That is why I am very glad to see the legislature promoting tire recycling by placing incentives in the form of financial obligations for customers in their future dealings with tire retailers, by making them pay a fine and if they can in 30 days get those remaining tires back, then these individuals are refunded in exchange for helping to preserve our beautiful islands.

I am also very supportive of the efforts to support the counties by creating a fund from the fines that are not refunded in order for the counties to use to take of this problem without there being a need to cut into their own funds and other resources in order to deal with a problem that should not be existing in the first place. Fighting for this “common sense measure” as the Sierra Club of Hawaii puts it, I want to ask this committee to **please pass HB1800 HD1**.

Thank you for your hard work and deliberation on this issue,

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Friday, February 23, 2018 2:00PM Conference Room 308

In **SUPPORT** of **HB 1800 HD1** Relating to motor vehicle tires

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and members of the Committee,

On behalf of our 20,000 members and supporters, the Sierra Club of Hawai'i, a member of the Common Good Coalition, **supports HB 1800 HD1**, which seeks to authorize counties to establish a requirement for customers to exchange the equal number of used tires to the tire retailer as they are purchasing, or pay a fee to compensate for the missing tires. The bill also creates a fund for authorities to clean up improperly disposed of used tires.

The Sierra Club of Hawai'i, dedicated to exploring, enjoying, and protecting these unique and beautiful islands we call home, have engaged in decades-long efforts to keep valuable public areas free of pollution from plastics and other waste. This measure will effectively reduce tire waste, a huge problem in many areas around Hawai'i, which can have negative effects on human health and safety, as well as the environment. This measure would increase tire recycling, which would decrease negative impacts such as the spread of mosquito borne illness, unsightly litter when improperly disposed of, and reduce fire hazards.

We are committed to supporting efforts seeking to reduce waste, litter, and pollution across the islands. HB 1800 HD1 contributes to these efforts. This is a common sense measure, which the Sierra Club of Hawai'i supports in full.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to provide testimony on this important issue.

HB-1800-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/21/2018 11:37:15 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Malia Hayes	Individual	Comments	No

Comments:

I enthusiastically support immediate adoption of HB1800 and expect that it would take effect upon approval. HB 1800 HD1 appears to be exactly the same with the exception of the last sentence:

"SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on January 28, 2045"

It is my sincere hope that this a typographical error that can be fixed now. A 27 year delay is ridiculous!

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Submitted on: 2/22/2018 9:04:44 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mary Lacques	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/22/2018 11:10:16 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Denise Boisvert	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Good bill, good reasons, good for the future. I support Bill HB1800.

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Submitted on: 2/22/2018 11:16:48 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Merle Hayward	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/22/2018 11:22:49 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kim Jorgensen	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support HB 1800 because tires end up being litter and polluters.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Shannon Rudolph	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/22/2018 1:45:14 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sarah Toole	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support this measure.

Sarah Toole

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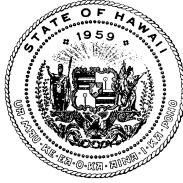
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jonathan Hayes	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill. There are too many tires dumped illegally, they collect water and breed mosquitos that can carry disease. Additionally tires that are dumped on the sides of roads or in shoulders of roads can cause accidents. Incentivizing people to return or collect tires will help.



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Written Testimony
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**Testimony in SUPPORT of H.B. 1800 HD1
RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE TIRES**

REPRESENTATIVE SYLVIA LUKE, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Hearing Date: February 23, 2018

Room Number: 308

Time: 2:00 PM

1 **Fiscal Implications:** There are no fiscal impacts on state resources. Tire retailers and the
2 counties that choose to implement the program would experience increased administrative
3 responsibilities that may be offset by the revenue generated by the fee.

4 **Department Testimony:** This bill proposes to create a refundable fee on motor vehicle tires in
5 order to address the issue of illegally dumped used tires. The Department of Health supports this
6 bill.

7 The department recognizes that some consumers choose to hold on to their used motor
8 vehicle tires despite the charging of a non-refundable disposal fee when purchasing new tires.
9 This bill is an attempt to create further incentive for consumers to turn in their used tires when
10 purchasing new ones.

11 It is fitting that the bill gives counties the option of implementing the program as they are
12 responsible for disposing of illegally dumped tires.

13 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jennifer Milholen	Individual	Support	No

Comments:



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Brian Kitagawa, President
Dave Rolf, Executive Director

HADA TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION
TO HB1800 HD1
RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE TIRES
Presented to the House Committee on Finance
At the Public Hearing, 2 p.m. Friday, February 23, 2018
Conference Room 308, Hawaii State Capitol

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and members of the committee:

New car dealers have participated in scrap tire clean up programs and studies over the years, and have always encouraged proponents of any new legislation regarding such scrap tire clean-up or prevention policies **to show the scope and size of the problem** that needs to be addressed and **to be aware of problems that may occur as unintended consequences of any proposed policy.**

We addressed several of these unintended consequences in our earlier testimony, and **remain opposed** to this bill.

Our previous testimony provided comments on the necessity to use the funding that is already collected from the tire disposal fee of \$1 assessed the wholesalers who imported tires and remitted the amounts collected to the State. The remaining amount in the Environmental Management Special Fund that can be used for scrap tire clean up is approximately \$300,000.

Additionally, we point to Hawaii's establishment, several years ago, of a Class C felony for the illegal disposal of scrap tires that should provide a significant deterrent when **aggressively enforced.**

In her testimony, Virginia Pressler, M.D., director of the State Department of Health, points out, however, that counties are responsible for disposing of illegally dumped tires.

Our discussions with officials on the island of Hawaii, revealed a significant "education of the public campaign" they are conducting, with regard to scrap tire disposal, that county officials hope will help with any improper disposal.

If counties require additional funding for this purpose, a fee mechanism is already in place for purposes like the disposal of derelict vehicles. It's the Highway Beautification Fee which is assessed on each motor vehicle registration in the state. Each county assesses its own amount.

HADA dealers believe that this highway beautification fee is the proper fee mechanism for collection of fees to address derelict vehicles **and scrap tires**, although scrap tires, as far as we can determine, are not included in the current fee uses for the county funds collected for highway beautification.

Currently the counties collect the following “highway beautification fees” on more than 1 million vehicles which are registered in the state annually. HADA believes that since this fee mechanism is already in place for a similar pickup of illegally dumped vehicles that it could be expanded to apply also to scrap tire clean up, if indeed, such additional funding is required.

City and County of Honolulu	\$7 highway beautification fee per vehicle
County of Maui	\$10 highway beautification fee per vehicle
County of Kauai	\$5 highway beautification fee* per vehicle
County of Hawaii	\$1 highway beautification fee per vehicle

*a portion of which may be used for derelict vehicle removal and disposal.

We’ve requested information from the City and County of Honolulu about the status of their Highway Beautification Fund. We hope they will be able to confirm the data we retrieved. The most recent data we have been able to obtain shows the total revenue from the fees was \$4,635,910 in FY 2017. The total expenditures for FY2017 were \$710,790.

For a surplus of \$3,924,120, by our calculations. Please see the attached charts showing the highway beautification fund revenues and surplus in Honolulu.

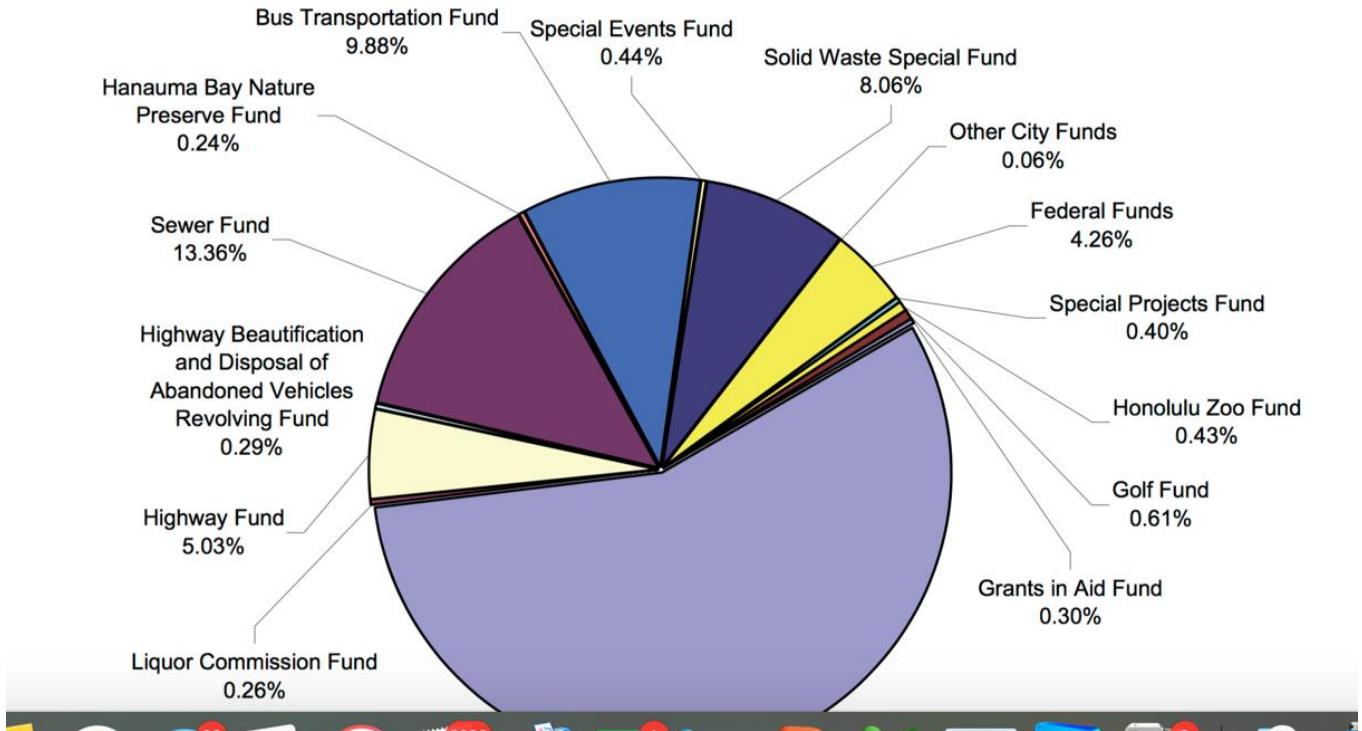
Detailed Statement of Revenues and Surplus

Highway Beautification Fund (130)

The Highway Beautification and Disposal of Abandoned Vehicles Revolving Fund accounts for receipts (\$7.00 per vehicle) collected for each certificate of registration. These monies are expended primarily for the beautification of highways under the jurisdiction of the City and the disposition of abandoned vehicles.

Source of Receipts	FY 2016 Actual	FY 2017 Estimate	FY 2018 Estimated
Charges for Services			
Hwy Beautification Fees	\$ 4,539,233	\$ 4,635,910	\$ 4,635,910
Total — Charges for Services	\$ 4,539,233	\$ 4,635,910	\$ 4,635,910
Miscellaneous Revenues			
Vacation Accum Deposits	\$ 23,490	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total — Miscellaneous Revenues	\$ 23,490	\$ 0	\$ 0
Unreserved Fund Balance	\$ 9,865,201	\$ 9,896,560	\$ 9,119,720
Interfund Transfer	\$ (277,100)	\$ (264,000)	\$ (355,700)
Total — Highway Beautification Fund	\$ 14,150,824	\$ 14,268,470	\$ 13,399,930

(\$2.451 Billion)



A significant surplus is shown in Honolulu in the Highway Beautification Fund, at \$7 per vehicle.

The \$1 per vehicle charged in Hilo, however, may be insufficient. But we believe the beautification fund is the proper mechanism for collecting money for the purpose of disposing of illegally dumped tires.

Finally, It is counterproductive to create additional unproven programs which have administrative burdens on retailers. These retailers already collect fees from tire customers for the proper disposal of scrap tires.

For the above reasons, while we always remain open to working on this, we oppose HB1800 HD1 and ask that the measure be held.

Respectfully submitted,

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For the Members of the Hawaii Automobile Dealers Association

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Cory Harden	Individual	Support	No

Comments: