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February 16, 2018  
3:00 p.m.  
State Capitol, Room 423

**H.B. 2177, H.D. 1**  
**RELATING TO HIGHWAY BEAUTIFICATION**

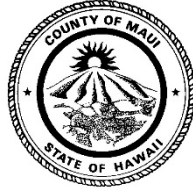
House Committee on Finance

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** this bill since it helps to defray the additional cost in the disposition and other related activities of abandoned or derelict vehicles as prescribed in chapter 290.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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February 15, 2018

TESTIMONY OF ALAN M ARAKAWA  
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COUNTY OF MAUI

BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Friday, February 16, 2018  
3:00PM Conference Room 308

HB2177 RELATING TO HIGHWAY BEAUTIFICATION.

Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair  
Honorable Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair  
Honorable Members of the House Committee on Finance

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Thank you for this opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT OF HB2177.**

The purpose of this bill is to make the motor vehicle registration fee for U-drive motor vehicles consistent with the fee for all other motor vehicles. Also it makes any county ordinance that increases a motor vehicle registration fee applicable to U-drive vehicles.

I support this measure for the following reasons:

1. Currently, Maui County's Highway Beautification fund is drastically underfunded. There are a large number of abandoned vehicles that start off as rental cars and get sold on the used car market and eventually abandoned. The funds to remove these vehicles comes from the Highway Beautification fees. Allowing the County to charge the rental vehicles the same amount of fees as purchased vehicles will significantly help remove these same vehicles from our roadways.
2. Rental cars share the roads alongside all other vehicles. Therefore, rental car owners should contribute equally to highway beautification.

For these reasons, I **strongly support HB2177.**

Respectfully yours,

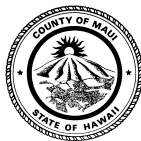
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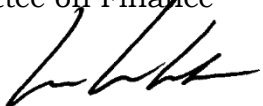
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February 14, 2018

TO: The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair  
House Committee on Finance

FROM: Mike White  
Council Chair 

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF FEBRUARY 16, 2018; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 2177 HD 1, RELATING TO HIGHWAY BEAUTIFICATION**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this important measure. The purpose of this bill is to make the motor vehicle registration fee for U-drive motor vehicles consistent with the fee for all other motor vehicles.

The Maui County Council has not had the opportunity to take a formal position on this measure. Therefore, I am providing this testimony in my capacity as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

I **support** this measure for the following reasons:

1. U-drive motor vehicles, better known as rental vehicles, benefit from a lower highway beautification fee as compared to all other vehicles. The fee is particularly important, as the revenues fund highway beautification projects and the disposal of abandoned or derelict vehicles, which is an on-going issue throughout Maui County.
2. Visitor counts continue to grow, which places a larger burden on county resources. Since the counties transient accommodation tax has been capped, the county has had to pick up the increased burden resulting from more visitors. As a result, county resources have become increasingly strapped, including the County's highway beautification fund, which has experienced shortfalls. This measure will help ensure funds are available to keep our highways clean and abandoned and derelict vehicles off our roadways.
3. U-drive motor vehicles share the roads alongside all other vehicles. Therefore, U-drive vehicle owners should contribute equally to highway beautification.

For the foregoing reasons, I strongly **support** this measure.

**HB-2177-HD-1**

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Testimony for FIN on 2/16/2018 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Robert Carroll	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support HB 2177 HD 1, Relating to Highway Beautification as cited in testimony submitted by Maui County Council Chair Mike White.

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To: Honorable Sylvia Luke  
Chair, Committee of Finance

From: Riki Hokama  
Councilmember

**SUBJECT: Testimony in Support of HB2177 RELATING TO HIGHWAY  
BEAUTIFICATION**

The Highway Beautification Fund has long been a highly useful tool for Maui County to conduct important operations relating to highways under our jurisdiction, as well as in dealing with abandoned vehicles. Based on current totals for Fiscal Year 2018, and taking into account the estimated 20,000 to 25,000 registered U-drive vehicles on Maui, the County could see an estimated \$180,000 to \$225,000 of additional revenue from certificates of registration if this bill were in place.

Making the Statute uniform streamlines administration and collection, and will also provide Maui County with additional revenue. I urge passing of this bill, and thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Riki Hokama", written in a cursive style.

RIKI HOKAMA  
Councilmember