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**STATE OF HAWAII**  
**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**  
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Friday, February 9, 2018  
10:00 a.m.  
State Capitol, Room 423

**H.B. 2177**  
**RELATING TO HIGHWAY BEAUTIFICATION**

House Committee on Transportation

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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 7, 2018

To: Honorable Henry J.C. Aquino  
Chair, House Committee on Transportation

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,

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RIKI HOKAMA  
Councilmember

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Mike White

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Robert Carroll

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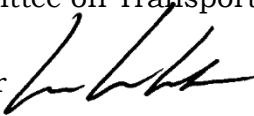
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February 8, 2018

TO: The Honorable Henry J. C. Aquino, Chair  
House Committee on Transportation

FROM: Mike White  
Council Chair 

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF FEBRUARY 9, 2018; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 2177, 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.

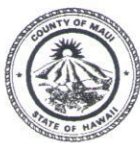
For the foregoing reasons, I strongly **support** this measure.

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TO: The Honorable Henry J. C. Aquino , Chair  
House Committee on Transportation

FROM: Robert Carroll  
Councilmember, East Maui

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DATE: February 8, 2018

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF FEBRUARY 9, 2018; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 2177, 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. Permit me to share my thoughts regarding my endorsement of this proposed legislation.

The revenues from the highway beautification fund are used for the obvious beautification projects and derelict car removal, presently U-drive motor vehicles, otherwise known as rental vehicles, benefit from a lower highway beautification fee as compared to all other vehicles. Visitor counts continue to grow thus placing a greater burden on county resources, and with a cap on the counties share of the Transient Accommodation Tax, Maui county must shoulder a larger expense of cleaning our island's highways. Accordingly, I **support HB 2177** for the reasons cited in my testimony, and that submitted by the Maui County Council Chair, and I urge you to approve this measure.