



EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
HONOLULU

DAVID Y. IGE  
GOVERNOR

July 2, 2019

**GOV. MSG. NO. 1301**

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,  
President  
and Members of the Senate  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,  
Speaker and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on July 2, 2019, the following bill was signed into law:

HB270 HD1 SD2

RELATING TO REBUILT VEHICLES.  
**ACT 199 (19)**

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO REBUILT VEHICLES.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that existing laws  
2   inhibit insurers' ability to push a "rebuilt" or "salvage" title  
3   when a total loss is retained by the insured for a flooded  
4   vehicle. Modern cars have a significant amount of electronic  
5   devices installed throughout the vehicle and are highly  
6   vulnerable to sustaining damage during a flood, particularly if  
7   salt water is involved. Such vehicles should have a branded  
8   title to warn potential subsequent purchasers that the vehicle  
9   has been declared a total loss and might have hidden defects  
10   that could affect its safe operation.

11           Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to expand the  
12   definition of "rebuilt vehicle" to include motor vehicles that  
13   have been rebuilt after flood damage and material damage to the  
14   vehicle's electronics and define "flood damage".

15           SECTION 2. Section 286-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
16   amended as follows:



1           1. By adding a new definition to be appropriately inserted  
2 and to read:

3           "Flood damage" means damage caused to any electrical,  
4 computerized, or mechanical component, or interior of a vehicle  
5 that has been submerged in water to the point that water has  
6 entered the passenger compartment or engine."

7           2. By amending the definition of "rebuilt vehicle" to  
8 read:

9           "Rebuilt vehicle" means any vehicle which has been  
10 declared a total loss by an insurer and has been rebuilt or  
11 repaired to operate on public highways. For the purpose of this  
12 definition, a vehicle is a total loss only if there is material  
13 damage, including flood damage, to the vehicle's electronics,  
14 frame, unitized structure, or suspension system, and the  
15 projected cost of repairing the damage exceeds the market value  
16 of the vehicle at the time of the incident causing it to be  
17 declared a total loss."

18           SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

19           SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.



H.B. NO. 270  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 2

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APPROVED this 02 day of JUL, 2019

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Ige". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent loop at the end.

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

HB No. 270, HD 1, SD 2

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: April 30, 2019  
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019.



Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker  
House of Representatives



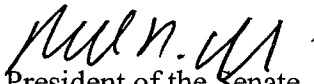
Brian L. Takeshita  
Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives


H.B. No. 270, H.D. 1, S.D. 2

**THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I**

Date: April 9, 2019  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Third Reading in the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2019.

  
President of the Senate

  
Clerk of the Senate