
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO LEASE FEDERALLY OWNED
VACANT LAND TO THE COUNTIES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII TO BE
USED AS TOW YARDS TO STORE ABANDONED VEHICLES.

1 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that vehicles abandoned on
2 public roads create both a nuisance and the potential for a
3 widespread environmental disaster that will adversely impact
4 human health and safety; and

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6 WHEREAS, the various counties of the State have been
7 granted the authority to tow these abandoned vehicles within ten
8 days of abandonment; and

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10 WHEREAS, the various counties of the State have not acted
11 in a manner that adequately addresses the issue of abandoned
12 vehicles; and

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14 WHEREAS, one factor in the counties' inaction in towing
15 abandoned vehicles is a lack of suitable tow yards where the
16 vehicles can be stored until they are either reclaimed or put up
17 for auction; and

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19 WHEREAS, the United States government has ownership of
20 vacant land located in various parts of the State which may have
21 the appropriate infrastructure necessary to store abandoned
22 vehicles; and

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24 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that it would be appropriate
25 for the counties to enter into a lease with the United States
26 government to lease these vacant lands to the counties to use as
27 lots for the purpose of creating new tow yards that may be
28 leased to tow companies to store abandoned vehicles; now,
29 therefore,



1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
2 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
3 2019, that the United States government is requested to lease
4 federally owned vacant lands to the various counties of the
5 State of Hawaii to be used as tow yards to store abandoned
6 vehicles; and

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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
9 Resolution be transmitted to the Secretary of Defense; the
10 Secretary of the Interior; the commander of the United States
11 Indo-Pacific Command; the members of Hawaii's congressional
12 delegation; the Governor; and the Mayor of each county in the
13 State.

