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State Capitol, Room 423

**H.C.R. 24 / H.R. 29**  
**REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO LEASE FEDERALLY**  
**OWNED VACANT LAND TO THE STATE OF HAWAII TO BE USED AS TOW YARDS**  
**TO STORE ABANDONED VEHICLES.**

House Committee on Transportation

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The Department of Transportation (DOT), **supports** these resolutions to lease vacant federal property to use as tow yards to store abandoned vehicles.

With respect to the involvement in this matter, the various counties are the responsible party for the removal of abandoned vehicles; therefore, the counties would be the more appropriate entity to lease the property from the federal government. However, the DOT would be happy to support their efforts.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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March 22, 2019

The Honorable Henry J. C. Aquino, Chair  
The Honorable Troy N. Hashimoto, Vice Chair  
and Members of the Committee on Transportation  
The House of Representatives  
State Capitol, Conference Room 423  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Aquino and Vice-Chair Hashimoto and Members of the Committee on Transportation:

**SUBJECT:** HCR 24 and HR 29  
Requesting the United States Government to Lease Federally Owned Vacant Land to the State of Hawaii to be used as Tow Yards to Store Abandoned Vehicles.

The City and County of Honolulu's Department of Customer Services respectfully submits COMMENTS on HCR 24 and HR 29.

The Division of Motor Vehicle, Licensing and Permits (DMVLP) oversees the abandoned vehicle program through its subsidiary branch, Motor Vehicle Control Section. In review of HCR 24 and HR 29, the DMVLP through the City and County of Honolulu would like to support any and all legislative efforts creating opportunity for the State of Hawai'i to enter into agreements with the U. S. government for discussion on resource allocation. In this case, specifically, the opportunity to lease or be granted a waiver for use of U. S. government property for the exclusive purpose of the storage of impounded vehicles.

Additionally, we would encourage the legislature to consider that the U. S. government has an obligation to be a fiduciary partner to the State of Hawai'i in light of our finding(s) that a sizable contribution to the abandoned vehicle problem is directly correlated to the transportation and acquisition of vehicles by U. S. service members. It, therefore, seems only appropriate the U. S. government would be a party to the solution regarding the epidemic posed by abandoned vehicles across all islands, and, specifically, the Island of Oahu."

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this measure.

Sincerely,

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Abul Hassan  
Licensing Administrator

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TESTIMONY OF  
LARRY S VERAY

TO

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

**SUPPORT TO HCR 24 / HR 29**

**RELATING TO FEDERALLY OWNED LAND TO BE LEASED FOR ABANDONED  
VEHICLE STORAGE TOW YARDS**

**MARCH 21, 2019**

Aloha, Chair Henry Aquino and Vice Chair Troy Hashimoto, and Committee members. I am Chair for the Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21 and I am submitting this testimony as an individual in SUPPORT to HCR 24 / HR 29.

This resolution requests the U.S. Government to lease federally owned vacant land to the State of Hawaii to be used as tow yards to store abandoned vehicles.

This problem continues to fester because our residents are reporting numerous abandoned vehicles throughout their neighborhoods that are taking up parking spaces from our citizens who truly need a place to park their vehicles. The City does not have the lot space for towing these abandoned vehicles.

Solution for mitigation of abandoned vehicles: The State, City and Federal government and develop a Memorandum of Agreement to store the vehicles for a set period of time for no fee. This should be a mutual mitigation plan that benefits all. In addition, a plan of action needs to be developed to expedite moving these abandoned vehicles off our beautiful island because we don't need to keep these storage lots full until someone figures out what they will do with them. A Pearl City resident suggestion was to prepare the vehicles for the environment by extracting the oil and fuel from the vehicles and build an artificial reef way offshore for the fishing industry. This is what the Navy does with their excess "moth ball" ships as they sink them off of the island of Kauai for their military exercises. They set the example by preparing the ships for the environment removing oil and asbestos.

**I most strongly urge you to "APPROVE" HCR 24 / HR 29. Mahalo!**

Very respectfully,

*Larry S. Veray*