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February 14, 2019

The Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
and Members
Committee on Transportation
The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair
and Members
Committee on Judiciary
State Senate
415 South Beretania Street, Room 016
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Rhoads, and Members:

SUBJECT: Senate Bill No. 1297, Relating to Motor Vehicles

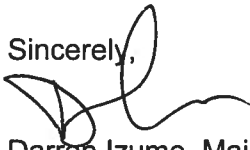
I am Major Darren Izumo of District 5 (Kalihi) of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD supports the intent of Senate Bill No. 1297, Relating to Motor Vehicles, which requires an application for motor vehicle registration to include more detailed information and authorizes counties to assess a fine to the legal owner of a vehicle deemed abandoned.

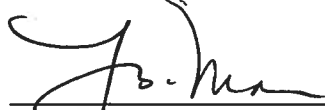
The additional registration information would help in holding owners more accountable should they abandon their vehicle. Of concern though, from an identity theft standpoint, is the security and access to this detailed information. Also, in the experience of the HPD, many vehicles are abandoned due to the lack of a current registration and/or insurance. This requirement could be a deterrent to legally dispose of an abandoned vehicle.

The HPD urges you to consider amendments to Senate Bill No. 1297, Relating to Motor Vehicles.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Darren Izumo, Major
District 5

APPROVED:



Susan Ballard
Chief of Police

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DATE: February 13, 2019

TO: Senator Lorraine R. Inouye
Chair, Committee on Transportation

Senator Karl Rhoads
Chair, Committee on Judiciary

Submitted Via Capitol Website

FROM: Matt Tsujimura

RE: **S.B. 1297 – Relating to Motor Vehicles**
Hearing Date: Thursday, February 14, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.
Conference Room: 016

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Rhoads, and Members of the Senate Committee on Transportation and the Senate Committee on Judiciary:

We submit this testimony on behalf of Enterprise Holdings (“Enterprise”), which includes Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Alamo Rent-A-Car, National Car Rental, Enterprise CarShare and Enterprise Commute (Van Pool).

Enterprise **submits comments** on S.B.1297, which, among other things, authorizes counties to assess a fine against the legal or registered owner of a vehicle deemed abandoned. While Enterprise believes it is good public policy to deter individuals from abandoning vehicles on public streets and highways, Enterprise is concerned about the application of S.B.1297 within the context of the rental car industry.

Hawaii Revised Statutes (“HRS”), § 290-12 currently imposes a fine of not more than \$1,000 on the registered owner of an abandoned or derelict vehicle. Enterprise is concerned that section 2 of S.B.1297 appears to be duplicative of HRS §290-12, as both the existing law and the proposed language address imposing a fine of \$1,000 on the registered owner of the vehicle.

If the committee is inclined to move S.B.1297, Enterprise would propose either 1) deleting the language at page 4, line 1 to line 5 or 2) for consistency, including the following amendment:

(d) The counties may assess a fine of \$1,000 against the legal or registered owner of a vehicle that is deemed abandoned pursuant to this section.
provided that the registered owner shall not be fined if the

abandoned or derelict vehicle has been stolen or taken from the registered owner without permission or authorization. The fines collected pursuant to this subsection shall be deposited into the general fund of the county that collected the fine.

This would ensure that the language is consistent with existing law, and does not apply to situations where a vehicle is stolen or taken from the registered owner of the vehicle. In the case of rental car companies, they are technically the registered owner of the vehicle and are not subject to the fine under this existing exemption.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

SB-1297

Submitted on: 2/13/2019 8:35:40 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/14/2019 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sally	Individual	Support	No

Comments: