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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that some individuals and  
2 entities intentionally abandon vehicles on roads and highways  
3 throughout the State, and that it is difficult for the counties  
4 to recoup the costs of towing and disposal. The legislature  
5 finds that it would be easier for counties to recoup these costs  
6 if the counties were able to require that the costs be paid as a  
7 condition precedent to registration of vehicles.

8           SECTION 2. Section 286-51, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
9 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

10           "(a) The certificate of registration for each motor  
11 vehicle in the counties of the State shall be renewed on a  
12 staggered basis as established by each county. The director of  
13 finance of each county may adopt rules to carry out the purposes  
14 stated in this section and shall expend the necessary funds from  
15 the director's operating funds as may be necessary for these  
16 purposes; provided that the director of finance, if the director  
17 has ascertained as of the date of the application that the



1 registered owner has not deposited or paid bail with respect to  
2 any summons or citation issued to the registered owner for  
3 stopping, standing, or parking in violation of traffic  
4 ordinances within the county, or has outstanding charges owed to  
5 the county for the towing, removal, or disposal of an abandoned  
6 or derelict vehicle within the county, may require, as a  
7 condition precedent to the renewal, that the registered owner  
8 deposit or pay bail with respect to all such summonses [~~or~~],  
9 citations[~~-~~], or outstanding charges. The certificates of  
10 registration issued hereunder shall show, in addition to all  
11 information required under section 286-47, the serial number of  
12 the tag or emblem and shall be valid during the registration  
13 year only for which they are issued. The certificates of  
14 ownership need not be renewed annually but shall remain valid as  
15 to any interest shown therein until canceled by the director of  
16 finance as provided by law or replaced by new certificates of  
17 ownership as hereinafter provided."

18 SECTION 3. Section 286-52, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
19 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

20 "(c) Subsection (b), requiring a transferee to forward the  
21 certificate of ownership after endorsement to the director of



1 finance, shall not apply to the transferee of a vehicle who was  
2 not intending to and does not drive the vehicle or permit the  
3 vehicle to be driven upon the public highways, but every such  
4 transferee, upon transferring the transferee's interest or title  
5 to another, shall give notice of the transfer to the director of  
6 finance and endorse the certificate of ownership to the new  
7 legal owner and the certificate of registration to the new  
8 owner; provided that if the director of finance has ascertained  
9 as of the date of the application that the registered owner has  
10 not deposited or paid bail with respect to any summons or  
11 citation issued to the registered owner for stopping, standing,  
12 or parking in violation of traffic ordinances within the county,  
13 or has outstanding charges owed to the county for the towing,  
14 removal, or disposal of an abandoned or derelict vehicle within  
15 the county, the director may require, as a condition precedent  
16 to the transfer, that the registered owner deposit or pay bail  
17 with respect to all such summons [~~or~~], citations[~~or~~], or  
18 outstanding charges."

19 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
20 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.



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1 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.

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INTRODUCED BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
By Request



# S.B. NO. 2174

**Report Title:**

Hawaii State Association of Counties (HSAC) Package; Motor Vehicle Registration; Director of Finance; Outstanding Charges

**Description:**

Allows the director of finance of a county to require payment of outstanding charges owed to the county for the towing, removal, or disposal of an abandoned or derelict vehicle within the county before issuing a motor vehicle certificate of registration.

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