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CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU, DEPARTMENT OF CUSTOMER SERVICES  
Friday, February 1, 2019, 10:00 a.m., Conference Room 423

HOUSE BILL 1234, "RELATING TO Motor Vehicles"

TO: The Honorable Henry J.C. Aquino, Chair  
And Members of the Committee on Transportation

The City and County of Honolulu agrees with H.B. No. 1234 but would offer the following amendments:

Page 4, Line 10: Herein the law presently requires notification to the registered owner. The law additionally allows the registered owner to respond within 10 days from the date of notice. Failure to respond within 10 days of the date of notice results in the relinquishment of all claim to said vehicle. As Page 4, Line 9 reads the prior law would be contradicted such that we are now allowing owners a longer timeframe to reclaim their vehicle which subsequently nullifies the County's ability to expeditiously rotate a vehicle out of its inventory while respecting constitutional right to private ownership.

The City & County of Honolulu would offer that the legislation should mandate the implementation of a database of record (By no later than 2021) that serves to enable this legislation by tying in the personal information requested across four areas of relation: Driver's License, Motor Vehicle Registration, Traffic Citation Division, and Motor Vehicle Control (the entity that oversees the towing of abandoned vehicles).

Barring the implementation of an end-to-end software solution that bridges the gap between the above four areas of service the net result will be a disconnected system with a higher than likely probability of establishing a piece of legislation that will not result in operational impact and subsequent results.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on H.B 1234.

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February 1, 2019

The Honorable Henry J. C. Aquino, Chair  
and Members  
Committee on Transportation  
House of Representatives  
415 South Beretania Street, Room 419  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Aquino and Members:

SUBJECT: House Bill No. 1234, 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 House Bill No. 1234, 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 could be a deterrent to legally dispose of an abandoned vehicle.

The HPD urges you to consider amendments to House Bill No. 1234, Relating to Motor Vehicles.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

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Darren Izumo, Major  
District 5

APPROVED:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan Ballard".  
Susan Ballard  
Chief of Police

*Serving and Protecting With Aloha*

**HB-1234**

Submitted on: 1/31/2019 2:14:40 AM

Testimony for TRN on 2/1/2019 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Tadia Rice	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Dr. Eloise V. Lewis	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I am Dr. Eloise V. Lewis. I worked on the west side of the Island for about 8 years as a Therapist and witnessed some of the most heinous infractions for abandoned motor vehicles. Not only are they an eye sore, they are an environmental hazard and havens for illegal activity. Something must be done, more forcefully, to deter motor vehicle owners from abandoning their unwanted and or dilapidated vehicles because obviously the current punishment is not enough! I believe Representative Gates' strong leadership on this endeavor is clearly on the path to rectification. I fully support his efforts to make motor vehicle owners take responsibility for properly disposing of and or donating their abandoned vehicles. Mahalo, Dr. Eloise V. Lewis

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Rachel L. Kailianu	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: