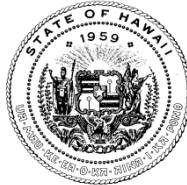


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H.C.R. 187 / H.R. 156
RELATING TO TAXATION

House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

The Department of Transportation (DOT) provides the following **comments** to this House Concurrent Resolution requesting the counties to develop an option to allow residents to remit motor vehicle registration taxes and fees on a prorated biannual basis; and urging the counties to consider a process to establish a moratorium on car registration payments.

Any changes to the collection of motor vehicle taxes and fees would have impacts on the Department's ability to provide infrastructure enhancements that support safe and efficient travel by all users of the State highway system, negatively impact the department's ability to qualify state matching funds for the highways federal-aid program.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

HCR-187

Submitted on: 3/18/2021 11:20:46 PM

Testimony for CPC on 3/19/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tadia Rice	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

Please SUPPORT HCR187 so that individuals and working families can utilize a payment plan for car registrations so it can be affordable and present undue financial burdens, especially due to the fact that COVID has impacted so many with job losses and reductions in income. These fees are typically very expensive and places difficulty on those who must choose to pay registration instead of food or rent. Please support payment options that will defer these fees, or allow them to be paid in installments so people can budget accordingly. The State needs to help ease the financial burden on families and individuals facing tough financial hardships during this pandemic.

Mahalo!

HCR-187

Submitted on: 3/18/2021 11:44:01 PM

Testimony for CPC on 3/19/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Darius Kila	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support allowing residents the option(s) to remit motor vehicle charges as it pertains to registration, taxes & fees.

HCR-187

Submitted on: 3/19/2021 12:54:40 AM

Testimony for CPC on 3/19/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sandee Moniz Pa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support as many like me after struggling.

HCR-187

Submitted on: 3/19/2021 7:54:34 AM

Testimony for CPC on 3/19/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joshua kaina	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am in support of HCR187/HR156. With the rising costs of Car registration payments, staying up to date has become much more difficult for local families, such as my own. Having the option to make payments would be a game changer for many of us. Please vote in favor and help local families.

TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT of HCR187/HR156

Rep. Aaron Ling Johanson, Chair
Rep. Lisa Kitagawa, Vice Chair
Hawaii State Capitol
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Aloha Chair Johanson, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members,

I write in strong support of HCR187/HR156 “Requesting the counties to develop an option to allow residents to remit motor vehicle registration taxes and fees on a pro-rated biannual basis.”

There is something fundamentally grievous with the fact that people who are unable to pay for their car registration get hit with tickets as they drive to work. They need to go to work to be able to afford to pay for their car registration and feed their family. **After they get a ticket, they now have to work harder to get their registration AND the ticket paid off.** If they can't do that, they rack up tickets. The courts have mandatory penalties, increasing fines, and even throwing people into jail or volunteer work. But the volunteer work pay-off rate (hours worked toward paying off the fine) is way below minimum wage.

So these individuals now are pulled from their jobs, their families suffer with the loss of income, they have a criminal record, and still don't have enough to pay off their registration.

It's a sick cycle that's jamming up our court system, according to the State Judiciary.

Please, for the benefit of our local families, pass this resolution, which by all means should be a bill with force of law.

Mahalo nui loa,

Daniel Lee

TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT of HCR187/HR156 Help those facing Financial Hardship!

Rep. Aaron Ling Johanson, Chair
Rep. Lisa Kitagawa, Vice Chair
415 S. Beretania Street
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Mahalo piha Chair Johanson, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Committee Members for hearing this bill.

I write in **strong support** for assisting those struggling to make ends meet, by creating a payment plan for car registration, or creating a car registration **payment** moratorium.

We already have a moratorium on rent and utilities, it only is logical to include car registration. When car registration on O'ahu can go as high as 500, 1,000 dollars in one go, so many families just simply can't allocate that much in their monthly budget.

Families like this can't afford to register their cars.

They still need to go to work to make the bills.

They get pulled over and get a ticket.

They can't pay off the ticket.

They have extra penalties because they can't afford to pay off the ticket.

They still need to go to work to feed their family, and try to pay off the original car registration.

They eventually are hit with jail time or mandatory volunteer work, pulling them away from their actual job and creating a permanent record of jail time, making future employment harder.

This is a terrible cycle that has trapped so many Hawai'i local families who again, are just trying to make ends meet.

Thank you for your consideration.

With Aloha,

Rikako Ishiki

HCR-187

Submitted on: 3/19/2021 1:07:55 PM

Testimony for CPC on 3/19/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bronze Fonoimoana	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Supporting it.