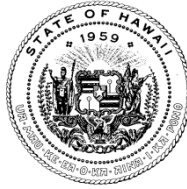


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**H.C.R 90 / H.R. 75**  
**REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ESTABLISH A**  
**TASK FORCE TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE PROPER IDENTIFICATION**  
**AND DISPOSAL OF ABANDONED AND DERELICT VEHICLES LEFT ON THE**  
**STATE'S HIGHWAYS AND CITY AND COUNTY ROADWAYS**

House Committee on Transportation

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** this resolution to establish a task force to make recommendations on the proper identification and disposal of abandoned and derelict vehicles.

With respect to the involvement in this matter, DOT has in the past requested the assistance from the various counties to help us remove abandoned vehicles. DOT wishes to continue working in partnership to identification and disposal of abandoned and derelict vehicles. DOT would be happy to support in these efforts.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Testimony of the  
**Hawaii State Association of Counties**  
on  
**H.C.R. 90/H.R. 75**  
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The Hawaii State Association of Counties (HSAC) strongly supports H.C.R. 90/H.R.75, which request the Department of Transportation to establish a task force to make recommendations on the proper identification and disposal of abandoned and derelict vehicles left on the State's highways and city and county roadways.

H.C.R. 90/H.R. 75 directs the task force to:

- Consider the comparison of the definitions of "abandoned vehicle" and "derelict vehicle";
- Consider the methods for determining or identifying whether a vehicle is abandoned or derelict;
- Consider methods to improve the determination and distinction between derelict of abandoned vehicle to improve the removal, recycling, or disposition of the vehicles; and
- Submit a report of findings and recommendations.

Derelict and abandoned vehicles is a growing problem on all islands. In 2019, the Kauai Police Department, for example, testified that, "In the last quarter [of 2018], we towed 247 abandoned or derelict vehicles. Towing charges for that quarter totaled \$66,462. The problem is more than the definition of "abandoned" or "derelict" vehicles and the costs that result.

HCR 90/HR 75 should be amended to direct the task force to also:

- Investigate the process for the transfer of motor vehicle ownership and how it contributes to abandoned/derelict vehicles;
- Identify what links should be put in place between the driver licensing and motor vehicle registration systems to facilitate identifying the owners of abandoned/derelict vehicles;
- Investigate problems encountered in enforcing the collection of towing and costs relating;

- The problem of recurring offenders, who regularly transfer and register vehicles, and not pay outstanding bills and penalties; and
- Other conflicting laws that contribute delays in addressing the problem of abandoned/derelect vehicles.

With these amendments, we strongly support HCR 90/HR 75 and urge their adoption.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on these measures.