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| Sandee Moniz Pa | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I strongly support this as many in my ohana are struggling.

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
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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

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| Bronze Fonoimoana | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I am in support.