



**GOV. MSG. NO. 1328**

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
HONOLULU

DAVID Y. IGE  
GOVERNOR

June 27, 2022

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,  
President  
and Members of the Senate  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,  
Speaker and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 27, 2022, the following bill was signed into law:

HB1411 HD2 SD1

RELATING TO REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES.  
**ACT 227**

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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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 more than eight  
2       thousand vehicles are abandoned in Hawaii every year. In 2019,  
3       four thousand seven hundred abandoned vehicles were reported on  
4       Oahu, one thousand eight hundred abandoned vehicles were  
5       reported on Maui, 1,620 abandoned vehicles were reported on  
6       Hawaii island, and nine hundred abandoned vehicles were reported  
7       on Kauai. These abandoned vehicles are an eyesore in  
8       communities, harmful to the environment, and a financial burden  
9       to the counties. The legislature further finds that, as a  
10      result of fraud occurring at the vehicle title transfer level,  
11      there is an ongoing issue with locating the proper owner of a  
12      vehicle that has been abandoned.

13      The purpose of this Act is to more accurately track motor  
14      vehicle ownership by:

- 15      (1) Requiring that the transferee's and transferor's  
16              address be provided on the certificate of ownership  
17              when the title to a motor vehicle is transferred;



1           (2) Clarifying that the signature of the transferee and  
2           signature of the transferor each serve as an  
3           attestation by that respective party as to the  
4           validity of the information on the certificate of  
5           ownership; and

6           (3) Imposing a fine on any person who provides false or  
7           fraudulent information.

8           SECTION 2. Section 286-52, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
9           amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

10          "(a) Upon a transfer of the title or interest of a legal  
11          owner in or to a vehicle registered under this part, the person  
12          whose title or interest is to be transferred and the transferee  
13          shall write their signatures with pen and ink upon the  
14          certificate of ownership issued for the vehicle, together with  
15          the ~~[address]~~ addresses of the person whose title or interest is  
16          to be transferred and the transferee in the appropriate [space]  
17          spaces provided upon the certificate. The signature of the  
18          person whose title or interest is to be transferred and  
19          signature of the transferee shall each serve as an attestation  
20          by that respective party that the information provided on the  
21          certificate is correct. Any person who provides false or



1 fraudulent information under this subsection shall be fined no  
2 less than \$500 and no more than \$1,000."

3 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

APPROVED this 27th day of June , 2022



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII



HB No. 1411, HD 2, SD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 3, 2022  
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022.



Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker  
House of Representatives




Brian L. Takeshita  
Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives

**THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I**

Date: April 4, 2022  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Third Reading in the Senate  
of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i, Regular Session of 2022.

  
President of the Senate

  
Clerk of the Senate