

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3762

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 06 2022

RE: H.B. No. 1412
H.D. 2
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 1412, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ABANDONED VEHICLES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the counties to provide a minimum distance a vehicle must be moved within a specified timeframe after a vehicle is initially inspected for abandonment to avoid an official classification of abandonment; and
- (2) Require that, before a vehicle can be classified as being abandoned, notice be provided that the vehicle must be moved the specified distance within the specified timeframe or be subject to removal.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the County of Maui Department of Environmental Management, County of Hawai'i Department of Environmental Management, one member of the Kaua'i County Council, one member of the Maui County Council, Hawai'i State Association of Counties, Hawaii Council of Mayors, and eight individuals.



Your Committee finds that abandoned vehicles continue to overrun neighborhoods across the State. The prevalence of abandoned vehicles on public streets has created widespread environmental issues, as well as unsafe and unhealthy conditions for Hawai'i residents. Your Committee further finds that existing law is silent regarding the distance a vehicle must be moved in order to no longer be classified as abandoned. This loophole can create problems in the disposition of an abandoned vehicle if a vehicle that was once deemed abandoned can no longer be classified as abandoned if it merely moves an inch or two from the location where it was deemed abandoned. This measure will make it clear as to how far a vehicle must be moved and when it must be moved in order to no longer be classified as abandoned.

Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting an effective date of July 30, 2075, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1412, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1412, H.D. 2, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary,




KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-First Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 1412, HD2	TPS/GVO, JDC	03-31-22		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310	<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313	
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RHOADS, Karl (C)	/			
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (VC)	/			
ACASIO, Laura	/			
GABBARD, Mike	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado	/			
LEE, Chris	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt	/			
TOTAL	7	-	-	-
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted				
<input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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