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Testimony of Reiko Matsuyama Director of Finance, County of Kaua'i

Before the
Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce
February 23, 2022 at 2:00 pm
Conference Room 329, Via Videoconference

In consideration of
House Bill 1411 HD1
Relating to the Registration of Vehicles

Honorable Chair Johanson, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee:

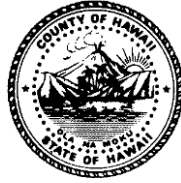
The Finance Department of the County of Kaua'i **supports** HB 1411 HD1, which requires both the transferor and transferee of a vehicle to sign and attest to correct information to execute a vehicle transfer. Currently our county receives a number of fraudulent or erroneous notice of transfer forms. This prevents us from keeping current and accurate records of registered owners which is one of the primary issues contributing to the abandoned vehicle problems on our island.

We believe this legislation will reduce the amount of fraud committed in the vehicle transfer process. We receive many Notice of Transfer slips through our drop box and mail which many times are not legible. There is no way to verify someone's identity. Our Kaua'i Police Department has done research on how the problem is handled throughout the nation and this is a step in the right direction to assure that we are processing title transfers with accurate information on registered owners.

It is for these reasons we **support** HB 1411 HD1. Thank you for your consideration of this testimony.

Mitchell D. Roth
Mayor

Lee Lord
Managing Director



Ramzi I. Mansour
Director

Brenda Iokepa-Moses
Deputy Director

County of Hawai'i

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February 22, 2022

Rep. Aaron Ling Johanson, Chair
Rep. Lisa Kitagawa, Vice Chair, and
Members of the House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce

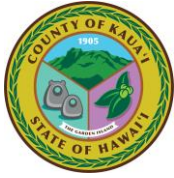
Chair Johanson and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 1411 HD1. The County of Hawai'i Department of Environmental Management supports the intent of this bill to improve accountability for ownership and proper disposal of vehicles.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ramzi Mansour".

Ramzi Mansour
Director, Department of Environmental Management
County of Hawai'i



DEREK S.K. KAWAKAMI, MAYOR
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POLICE DEPARTMENT COUNTY OF KAUAI



TODD G. RAYBUCK, CHIEF OF POLICE
STAN R. OLSEN, DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE

Testimony of Roderick B. Green
Captain, Patrol Services Bureau
Kauai Police Department

Before the
Consumer Protection and Commerce
February 23, 2022, 2:00 pm
via Videoconference

In consideration of
HB1411 HD1
Relating to Abandoned Vehicles

Honorable Chair Aaron Ling Johanson, Honorable Vice Chair Lisa Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee:

The Kauai Police Department (KPD) **strongly supports** passage of House Bill 1411 HD1 as it establishes additional requirements for selling a vehicle by requiring buyers and sellers to provide signatures and addresses on the vehicle transfer.

Our department receives multiple complaints weekly from citizens stating that they received a letter for an abandoned vehicle that they sold or gave away years' prior. The passage of this bill would prevent would be buyers from presenting false information and more accurately track vehicle ownership.

Kauai County continues to see widespread abandoned vehicles island wide. Not only are these vehicles an eyesore for the public, but they are also an environmental hazard.

For the foregoing reasons, KPD strongly supports passage of HB 1411 HD1. Thank you for your time and consideration.





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Testimony of Hawaii County of Mayors
on
H.B. 1411
Relating to Registration of Vehicles
Motor Vehicles; Vehicle Registration; Transfer of Title; Attestation; Penalty

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, February 23, 2022
TIME: 2:00 p.m.
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
 Conference Room 329
 State Capitol
 415 South Beretania Street

The Hawaii County of Mayors supports H. B. 1411, which requires that both the transferee's and transferor's address be provided on the certificate of ownership when the title to a motor vehicle is transferred. The Bill specifies that providing false or fraudulent information subjects a party to penalties.

HCOM further supports this legislation in recognition that more than eight thousand vehicles are abandoned in Hawaii every year. In 2019, four thousand seven hundred abandoned vehicles were reported on Oahu, one thousand six hundred twenty abandoned vehicles were reported on Maui, one thousand six hundred twenty abandoned vehicles were reported on Hawaii Island, and nine hundred abandoned vehicles were reported on Kauai. These abandoned vehicles are an eyesore in communities, harmful to the environment, and a financial burden to the counties. Because of fraud occurring at the vehicle title transfer level, there is an ongoing issue with locating the proper owner that has been abandoned.

The Hawaii Council of Mayors urge your support with our efforts to keep our public and environment safe and healthy.

Hawaii Council of Mayors:

Derek Kawakami, Mayor, Kauai County

Rick Blangiardi, Mayor, City County of Honolulu

Mitch Roth, Mayor, Hawaii County

Michael P. Victorino, Maui County of Maui, HCOM President (808-270-7855)

HB-1411-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/22/2022 10:37:56 AM

Testimony for CPC on 2/23/2022 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
P Hauoli'ipo Wright	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I agree with the proposal to require both the address of the transferee and the transferor on the certificate of ownership when a vehicle is transferred. We're going thru a private vehicle purchase right now and the vehicle while registered in another state, is not registered in Hawaii County. And having the contact information for the seller and the buyer would allow the county to contact each as needed.

HB-1411-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/22/2022 10:59:47 AM

Testimony for CPC on 2/23/2022 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Ralph Boyea	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aoha Chair Johanson,

I am hereby testifying in favor of HB 1411.

Abandoned vehicles are a significant problem on the Island of Hawaii. This is especially true in the subdivision I live in, Orchidland Estates in Puna.

I fully support proactive measures that will help in Counties address this problem.

I believe vehicle owners should be held accountable for the disposal of their vehicles. Maintaining a record of owners who's vehicles were abandoned is a necessary first step toward the accountability actions set forth in HB 1411.

Thank you for addressing this issue.

Ralph Boyea

HB 1411

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on HB 1411. This bill would require the address of both the transferee as well as the transferor on certificate of ownership to a motor vehicle. The additional information that would be collected if this bill passes would assist the local police with identifying the owner of vehicles that are abandoned. On the Big Island of Hawaii, there is an almost unbelievable number of vehicles that are left along the side of the ride. When asked about this problem, local law enforcement officers have identified being able to trace the ownership of these vehicles as one of the primary problems they face when dealing with abandoned vehicles. Let's give the police the support that they need to address this growing problem by collecting the additional information needed.

Please support the passage of HB 1411. It gives the police departments of our state the help they need with reducing the number of vehicles left along the side of the road. Mahalo for your consideration.

Barbara Cigainero

Keaau, HI 96749

HB-1411-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/22/2022 1:30:45 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/23/2022 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Julia Lindbergh	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am in favor of HB1411. Julia Lindbergh

HB-1411-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/22/2022 1:50:39 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/23/2022 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Allen Bartolome	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support the passing of this bill

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HB-1411-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 9:17:20 AM

Testimony for CPC on 2/23/2022 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Todd Reilly Sr	Nanawale BOD	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

Your support on this necessary legislation to clean up our neighborhood is an essential piece to stop the dumping of abandoned vehicles on our streets.

Mahalo

Todd Reilly

LATE

HB-1411-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 11:03:10 AM

Testimony for CPC on 2/23/2022 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Cyd L. Hoffeld	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Johanson, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Consumer Protection and Commerce Committee,

My name is Cyd Hoffeld and I live in Kalapana on Hawai'i Island where vehicle theft is rampant. I am in **strong support** of **HB1411** that would require that the transferee's and transferor's address be provided on the certificate of ownership when the title to a motor vehicle is transferred. It is also important that the signature of the transferee and the signature of the transferor each serve as an attestation by that respective party as to the validity of the information on the certificate of ownership. The most important piece is that the bill will specify that providing false or fraudulent information subjects a party to penalties.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in **strong support** of **HB1411**.



Eda Motonaga

HB1411. In support

Abandoned Vehicles: there is a whole bunch of abandoned vehicles. It makes the landscape look like trash. I wish the bill would pass to get the attention that they need. They need to be given a fine to be responsible for their actions. Or they could put it in a place where it could be used for parts rather than just leave it in an land. If they had one area that the abandoned cars could be dropped off so that people could use the parts that would be better. The money could help with the community. They probably left their trash, their envelopes in their car, and they should get a big fine. They just trash the whole land. You have to respect the land. If they leave the abandoned car, other people come and take parts and then they're leaving the trash car.

LATE

HB-1411-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 11:23:00 AM

Testimony for CPC on 2/23/2022 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Becky Jones	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

This bill is a common sense strategy and additional tool for addressing the abandoned car problem plaguing our islands. Please vote yes on this bill.

LATE

HB-1411-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 12:02:40 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/23/2022 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Nicole Watts	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support HB1411 because there are a disgusting amount of abandoned vehicles littered all over Puna and at this point, there is a failed system for accountability of ownership. Adding the new sections on the transfer of title will allow further protections to the state from the cost of Abandoned Vehicles.

LATE

HB-1411-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/23/2022 12:19:47 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/23/2022 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Dustin Swan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Any efforts to curb the abandoned vehicle situation in Hawaii should be supported.