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REGULAR SESSION OF 2022

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY  
Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair  
Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING  
On  
**HB1411, HD2**  
Thursday, March 24, 2022  
10:30 A.M.  
Conference Room 016 & Videoconference

The Hawaii County of Mayors supports H. B. 1411, HD2, 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.

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March 23, 2022

TESTIMONY OF FELICIA COWDEN  
COUNCIL VICE CHAIR, KAUAI COUNTY COUNCIL  
ON  
HB 1411, HD2, RELATING TO REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES  
Senate Committee on Judiciary  
Thursday, March 24, 2022  
10:30 a.m.  
Via Videoconference  
Conference Room 016

Dear Chair Rhoads and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 1411, HD2, Relating to Registration of Vehicles. My testimony is submitted in my individual capacity as a Member of the Kaua'i County Council.

The proposed improvements for tracking motor vehicle transfer of ownership will assist the County of Kaua'i in reducing the increasing number of abandoned vehicles by accurately holding the vehicle owners accountable.

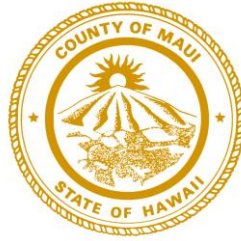
Thank you again for this opportunity to provide testimony. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Council Services Staff at (808) 241-4188 or via E-mail to cokcouncil@kauai.gov.

Sincerely,

FELICIA COWDEN  
Councilmember, Kaua'i County Council

AMK:mn

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**COUNTY OF MAUI  
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March 22, 2022

TESTIMONY OF TAMARA L. FARNSWORTH  
COUNTY OF MAUI, MANAGER OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION & SUSTAINABILITY  
DIVISION

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Wednesday, March 24, 2022, 10:30 a.m.  
Via Videoconference

In consideration of **HOUSE BILL 1411 HD 2 RELATING TO REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES**

Honorable Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair  
Honorable Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair  
Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary

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The County of Maui Department of Environmental Management stands in **SUPPORT of HB 1411 HD 2** which relates to the registration of vehicles.

By requiring an address and buyer's signature on a Notice of Transfer (N.O.T.), this measure would strengthen the legality and accountability for both parties involved in transfer of ownership of a vehicle. We believe this will discourage fraud or forgery, and provides legal recourse for someone wrongfully named on a N.O.T. This would increase the ability of the Abandoned Vehicles office to hold the correct parties accountable should the vehicle that remains in N.O.T. status at the time of abandonment.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony **in support of HB 1411 HD 2.**



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March 21, 2022

Testimony of Lauren Armstrong  
Maui MPO Executive Director  
On behalf of Maui MPO Policy Board

Before the Senate Committee on Judiciary

March 24, 2022 at 10:30am  
Conference Room 016

**HB1411 HD2 RELATING TO REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES**

Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair  
Honorable Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair  
Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary

The Maui MPO Policy Board **supports** HB1411 HD2 as part of an effort to hold vehicle owners accountable for the disposal of their vehicles and keep our roadsides safe. Abandoned vehicles are a safety concern, harmful to the environment, and a financial burden. Due to fraud occurring at the vehicle title transfer level, there is an ongoing issue with locating the proper owners of vehicles that have been abandoned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lauren Armstrong".

Lauren Armstrong  
Executive Director, Maui MPO  
On behalf of the Maui MPO Policy Board

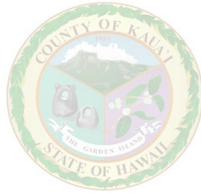


Testimony of the  
**Hawai'i State Association of Counties**  
on  
**H.B. No. 1411, H.D.2**  
**Relating to Abandoned Vehicles.**

Committee on Judiciary

Thursday, March 24, 2022, 10:30 a.m.

State Capitol Room 016



The Hawai'i State Association of Counties (HSAC) strongly supports H.B. 1411, H.D.2, which:

- Requires a transferee's and transferor's address to be provided on the certificate of ownership when the title to a motor vehicle is transferred;
- Declares that the signatures shall serve as an attestation by the parties that the information is correct; and
- Establishes a fine for providing fraudulent information.

Abandoned and derelict vehicles are a widespread problem on Hawaii's streets, creating safety and health conditions of the State of Hawaii. The ease of abandoning vehicles contributes to this problem. H.B. 1411, H.D.2, proposes a deterrent to this problem by requiring the signature of the transferee and the signature of the transferor on the certificate of ownership.

For these reasons the Hawai'i State Association of Counties strongly supports H.B. 1411, H.D.2, and requests your favorable consideration of this measure.

**HB-1411-HD-2**

Submitted on: 3/23/2022 8:16:27 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/24/2022 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
judith haney	Testifying for ainaloa ssociation	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Our association really needs this bill dut to the large numbers of cars being moved around the subdivision with repeat offenders

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March 22, 2022

**TESTIMONY OF MASON K. CHOCK**  
**COUNCIL VICE CHAIR, KAUAI COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**ON**

**HB 1411, HD2, RELATING TO REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES**

Senate Committee on Judiciary

Thursday, March 24, 2022

10:30 a.m.

Via Videoconference

Conference Room 016

Dear Chair Rhoads and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 1411, HD2, Relating to Registration of Vehicles. My testimony is submitted in my individual capacity as Council Vice Chair of the Kaua'i County Council.

I wholeheartedly support the intent of HB 1411, HD2, to assist in addressing the issues surrounding abandoned vehicles in our communities. Requiring both seller and buyer have responsibility with completing the motor vehicle transfer of ownership will assist the County of Kaua'i in reducing the increasing number of abandoned vehicles by accurately holding the vehicle owners accountable.

Thank you again for this opportunity to provide testimony. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Council Services Staff at (808) 241-4188 or via E-mail to cokcouncil@kauai.gov.

Sincerely,

**MASON K. CHOCK**  
Council Vice Chair, Kaua'i County Council

AMK:mn

**HB-1411-HD-2**

Submitted on: 3/22/2022 11:41:33 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/24/2022 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
TK Wehrsig	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

My Name is TK Wehrsig and I am the administrator of the largest Crime awareness and fighting Facebook group on the Big Island. I am in full Support of this bill.

Our Group host 70+ members. And though I can't speak for everyone in the group. As the admin, Daily I read thru posts and comments so I feel I have a good grip on the feeling of the majority of residents. Abandon Vehicles litter our beautiful Island. Anything that will help I will be in support of. Also, another problem we often face is the amount of lemons vehicles that are sold. I feel this will not solve but will help with this problem as well.

Again i am in full support of this bill and appreciate this opportunity to testify.

TK Wehrsig

Big Island Thieves (Facebook group)



**HB-1411-HD-2**

Submitted on: 3/22/2022 2:35:44 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/24/2022 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Renee Rabb	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I'm writing in support of HB1411, which requires both the seller and buyers address to be noted on a car transfer of title. We have so many abandoned cars in our area of the state that anything that can help reduce the number of them should be explored. This will help make it clear who the car actually belongs to and who is actually responsible for it. I commend Rep. Ilagan for his efforts to address a neighborhood problem.

Mahalo,

Renee Rabb

Keaau, HI 96749

**HB-1411-HD-2**

Submitted on: 3/22/2022 8:30:25 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/24/2022 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Barbara Cigainero	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Committee Chair and Members: Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 1411. This bill requires that both the seller and the buyer of a car provide their addresses when a car registration is transferred. The collection of additional information will assist the police department in determining the owners of abandoned cars. I live in the Puna region of Hawaii Island where there is a significant problem with abandoned cars. After the cars are left for a day or more they are often vandalized or stripped of parts and then set on fire. This produces a great deal of blight and it is important for our local police department that they be able to identify the true owner of the abandoned vehicle.

I appreciate your consideration of my comments and urge you to support this bill.

Barbara Cigainero, Keaau 96749

**HB-1411-HD-2**

Submitted on: 3/23/2022 12:13:28 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/24/2022 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Julia Lindbergh	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support HB 1411 presented by Representative Ilaga. Thank you.

Julia Lindbergh, RN

**HB-1411-HD-2**

Submitted on: 3/23/2022 6:02:04 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/24/2022 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Judith Ann Tang	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The abandoned car issue is such a problem in Pahoia and around Hilo. It is such an eyesore and property value is affected. When I drive down these roads, I don't feel safe. It feels like a third-world country. If the owners of these cars cannot take care of their problems, then laws should be put into effect that will deter them from dumping their cars and letting the cities take care of them which costs so much money. Please pass this bill and clean up Hawaii.

Judith Tang, resident of Pahoia

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**HB-1411-HD-2**

Submitted on: 3/23/2022 3:33:15 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/24/2022 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jimmy Lee	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Great idea to oppose stricter registration forms so easier to connect with vehicle owner.

**HB-1411-HD-2**

Submitted on: 3/21/2022 2:19:18 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/24/2022 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Gerard Silva	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This will just creat more problems!!

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**HB-1411-HD-2**

Submitted on: 3/24/2022 11:34:14 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/24/2022 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Camry Isabel	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Testimony of Camry Isabel

Masters of Social Work Student, University of Hawai`i at Manoa

Statement Before the

Committee on Judiciary

Thursday, March 24, 2022

10:30 AM

Conference Room 016, Via Videoconference

In consideration of

House Bill 1411

Relating to the Registration of Vehicles

Honorable Chair Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair Jarrett Keohokalole, and Members of the Committee:

I, Camry Isabel, support HB 1411, which states that both the transferee and the transferor of a vehicle must sign appropriate documentation and provide necessary information in order to complete a vehicle transfer. As noted in the bill, there are thousands of vehicles that are left

abandoned, more than eight thousand vehicles annually. This is indefinitely an eyesore and diminishes the value of our land.

Born and raised in Puna, I have learned to grow fond of the land that we have and the opportunities that we are given. Lately, I have seen more abandoned cars left on the sides of roads, in empty lots, or in parking lots. It sickens me to see the disfigurement of my home town, which I believe was once a pleasant area.

HB 1411 also highlights the possibility for citation upon a fraudulent certificate or false information provided regarding a vehicle transfer. This legislation will likely reduce the amount of fraud committed through vehicle transfers. It is proposed that a citation may range anywhere from \$5 to \$1000. With a recommendation, I would like to suggest a higher fine, as providing false information upon vehicle registration is serious.

I believe that this legislation will reduce the amounts of abandoned cars and will provide responsibility for those who have been fraudulent during the vehicle transfer process. It is for these reasons that I support HB 1411.

Thank you for your consideration of this testimony.