

HB-1412

Submitted on: 2/1/2022 7:28:29 AM

Testimony for TRN on 2/2/2022 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Councilmember Yuki Lei Sugimura	Maui County Council	Support	No

Comments:

Highly support the efforts and communication Representative Greggor Iiaganmad made with all counties to embrace the comprehensive problems we have with irrespsible acrions and costs regarding abandoned vehicles.

I fully support this bill!

Yuki Lei Sugimura, Maui County Council

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February 1, 2022

TESTIMONY OF MASON K. CHOCK
COUNCIL VICE CHAIR, KAUAI COUNTY COUNCIL
ON
HB 1412, RELATING TO ABANDONED VEHICLES
HB 1413, RELATING TO ABANDONED VEHICLES
AND
HB 1414, RELATING TO ABANDONED VEHICLES
House of Representatives Committee on Transportation
Wednesday, February 2, 2022
10:30 a.m.
Via Videoconference
Conference Room 423

Dear Chair Aquino and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in SUPPORT of HB 1412, HB 1413, and HB 1414, Relating to Abandoned Vehicles. My testimony is submitted in my individual capacity as Council Vice Chair of the Kaua'i County Council and as a member of the County's Abandoned Vehicle Task Force.

I wholeheartedly support the intent of HB 1412, HB 1413, and HB 1414 to address the problem of abandoned vehicles in our communities. Abandoned vehicles are a public eyesore for the affected communities, and pose environmental issues creating unsafe conditions for Hawai'i residents. Additionally, abandoned vehicles pose a financial burden to the State and counties as it relates to the disposal costs and outstanding fines.

HB 1412 would better define the minimum distance that a vehicle must be moved within a specified amount of time to not be considered abandoned, with the distance specification determined by each county. HB 1413 would establish additional requirements for selling a vehicle, requiring both buyers and sellers to provide signatures and addresses when transferring ownership of the vehicle. This will encourage more accurate and traceable information. HB 1414 intends to increase penalties for offenders who abandon vehicles on a recurring basis by imposing strict limitations and fines in a tiered system. Collectively, these bills will

Chair Aquino and Members of the Committee
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begin to help address the issues with abandoned vehicles and includes each county's input, which reflects a conscious effort by stakeholders representing each island.

Thank you again for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 1412, HB 1413, and HB 1414. 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,

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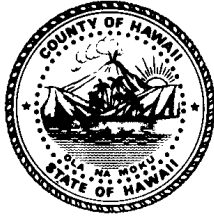
MASON K. CHOCK
Council Vice Chair, Kauaʻi County Council

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HEATHER L. KIMBALL

Council Member

*Chair, Committee on Governmental Operations,
Relations and Economic Development
Council District 1*



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HAWAI'I COUNTY COUNCIL

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TO: Honorable Representative Aquino , Chair
House Committee on Transportation

FROM: Heather L. Kimball
Council Member, District 1

DATE: February 1, 2022

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT HB 1413, Abandoned Vehicles Distance Requirement**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT** of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to 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.

I **SUPPORT** this measure for the following reasons:

1. Abandoned vehicles are a significant public and environmental health and safety concern in Hawai'i County.
2. In order to address the blight of abandoned vehicles in Hawai'i County we need a combination of improved legal enforcement mechanisms and financial resources.
3. This legislation will provide more clarity with respect to when a vehicle can be classified as being abandoned by ensuring that notice is provided that the vehicle must be moved the specified distance within the specified timeframe or be subject to removal.

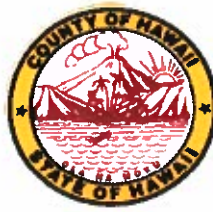
For these reasons, I ask for your **SUPPORT** of HB 1413.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather Kimball".

Heather Kimball
Hawai'i County Council Member

Mitchell D. Roth
Mayor



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February 1, 2022

Chair, Rep. Henry J.C. Aquino
Vice-Chair, Gregor Ilagan
House Committee on Transportation
Hawai'i State Legislature
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Subject: H.B. 1412, H.B. 1413, H.B. 1414 RELATING TO ABANDONED VEHICLES
Hearing Date: Wednesday, February 2, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.
Time/Place of Hearing: Via Video Conference
Conference Room 423

Aloha Chair Aquino, Vice Chair Ilagan, and members of the House Committee on Transportation;

On behalf of the County of Hawai'i, I am expressing my support for HB 1412, HB 1413, and HB1414 for fiscal year 2022-2023

These bills provide important administrative tools in our effort to address the hundreds of abandoned vehicles and illegal junk yards around Hawai'i County.

Your utmost consideration and support of this legislation is sincerely appreciated. Please feel free to contact me for any additional information.

Mahalo,

Mitchell D. Roth
Mayor
County of Hawai'i



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Testimony of Hawaii County of Mayors

on

H.B. 1412

Relating to Abandoned Vehicles

Abandoned Vehicles; Distance Requirement; Counties

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

10:30 A.M.

VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

ROOM 423

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

The Hawaii County of Mayors supports H. B. 1412, which requires 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.

We urge the legislature to support the counties in which the vehicle is located to establish an ordinance to define abandonment in accordance with distance requirements and specified timeframe.

Abandoned vehicles on public streets create widespread environmental issues as well as unsafe and unhealthy conditions for Hawaii residents. The existing law create problems with a loophole that it may be deemed abandoned but no longer classified as abandoned if it moves an inch or two from the location where it was noticed abandoned.

The Hawaii Council County of Mayors urge your support with our efforts to keep our environments safe and healthy. Thank you.

Hawaii Council County of Mayors

Derek Kawakami, Mayor, Kauai County

Rick Blangiardi, Mayor, City and County of Honolulu

Mitch Roth, Mayor, Mayor, Hawaii County

Michael P. Victorino, Mayor, Maui County

Contact: Michael P. Victorino, HCOM President, 808-270-7855)

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Submitted on: 2/1/2022 3:29:38 PM

Testimony for TRN on 2/2/2022 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Tamara Farnsworth	County of Maui Department of Environmental Management	Support	Yes

Comments:

To the Honorable Chair, Vice Chair, and Members,

We are writing in SUPPORT of HB 1412

RELATING TO ABANDONED VEHICLES

MINIMUM DISTANCE

This bill will help counties to address vehicles in instances where non-operational vehicles are being pushed or towed short distances in order to avoid removal by the county. The bill will allow counties to designate the distances that are appropriate for each of their geographic and population densities, as well as to develop our own methods of accounting for those distances. Rural areas may need a greater allowance of distance than islands that are more urban or densely populated. Overall, this bill will allow counties to address certain abandoned and derelict vehicles with more efficiency and timeliness. We do think the problem is significant enough to warrant new legislation.

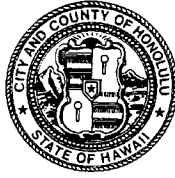
For reference, I serve as the County of Maui Division Manager for Environmental Protection & Sustainability, where the Abandoned Vehicles Program is housed. I also served as the administrator for the AV program for five years, so I have a great deal of familiarity with the program and associated challenges.

Therefore, we urge this committee to pass this bill in order to strengthen HRS Ch. 290 to allow the counties to determine best practices for vehicles that are clearly abandoned or derelict, but being tampered with by those who would circumvent the law.

Mahalo nui.

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February 1, 2022

The Honorable Henry J.C. Aquino, Chair
The Honorable Greggor Ilagan, Vice Chair
And Members of the Committee on Transportation
State Capitol, Room 419
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Henry J.C. Aquino, Vice Chair Greggor Ilagan, and Members of the
Committee on Transportation,

SUBJECT: H.B. 1412 - Relating to Abandoned Vehicles

The City and County of Honolulu, Department of Customer Services (CSD), Motor
Vehicles, Licensing and Permitting Division, strongly supports H.B. 1412 Relating to
Abandoned Vehicles which requires a minimum distance a vehicle must move within a
specific time frame.

CSD handles all of the requests and inquiries for abandoned vehicles on the Island
of Oahu. We are responsible for the towing of all abandoned and derelict vehicle from the
roadways, and are committed to making our roadways safe for all communities.

On street parking was designed to be used as an overnight or short term parking
option only. It was not designed for long term parking (more than a day) and a vehicle
should be moved daily. Requiring a vehicle to move a minimum distance before it can be
considered not abandoned, will ensure that a vehicle is actually moved from the parking
location and not merely rolled forward or backward a short distance to circumvent the law.

We urge the Committee to pass H.B. 1412. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

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Nola N. Miyasaki
Director

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Submitted on: 2/1/2022 12:12:27 PM

Testimony for TRN on 2/2/2022 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Mark Shultise	LavaRock Farm	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill.

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Submitted on: 1/31/2022 11:36:11 AM

Testimony for TRN on 2/2/2022 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Charles Prentiss	Individual	Comments	No

Comments:

One problem is the existing requirement that a vehicle must be moved every 24 hours. This creates an unrealistic situation. If a working person parks their car on the street for Saturday and Sunday they are illegal. If you go on vacation for a week or two, you can find your car gone when you return. This needs to be remedied.

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Submitted on: 2/1/2022 6:58:12 AM

Testimony for TRN on 2/2/2022 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Barbara Dalton	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB1412 gives Hawaii counties a specific tool to deal with the epidemic of abandoned vehicles on every island. Those who abandon their vehicles shrewdly understand that moving the vehicle ever-so-slightly from where it sits will restart the clock for the county agency designated to deal with its disposal. HB1412 closes that loophole by authorizing the counties to set a minimum distance and timeframe within which an owner must move a vehicle to prevent it being classified abandoned and ultimately removed. It's a great first step in cleaning up the more than 8000 abandoned vehicles around our state.

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Submitted on: 2/1/2022 7:34:52 AM

Testimony for TRN on 2/2/2022 10:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I support the passage of this bill

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Submitted on: 2/1/2022 9:23:45 AM

Testimony for TRN on 2/2/2022 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
John Begg	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Abandoned vehicles are a nuisance and road hazard, especially on Government Beach Road in the Puna District. I support the measures to manage this problem.

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Submitted on: 2/1/2022 10:37:56 AM

Testimony for TRN on 2/2/2022 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Samantha Richardson Gomes	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

Today I write in support of bill HB1412 regarding "Abandoned Vehicles; Distance Requirement; Counties". I find it is important to quantify distance and time so that all parties involved know what they need to do and when they need to do it by. This bill will help all parties involved take action when it is clear that it is their responsibility.

Mahalo,

Samantha Gomes

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Submitted on: 2/1/2022 12:04:33 PM

Testimony for TRN on 2/2/2022 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
TK Wehrsig	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is TK Wehrsig. I am the creator/Admin of the largest Crimefighting and information sharing Group for the Island of Hawai'i. Our group currently has over 70K members and is the premier source for information and discussion on our island. This gives me a great insight into the feelings and opinions of the community of the island.

I am also in the running for County Council for District 2. To try and further drive the change that our island wants to see. For the past few 7 years, I have fought to make and keep our island as preserved and beautiful as possible. I am testifying today as I feel this is a step in that direction. Though there are already laws in place. As we all know... No one can write a perfect law and foresee all problems or loopholes. But we can always discuss and fix what needs to be fixed. I feel this is where we are today and this is why I am in support of these bills.

HB1412 – Distance Requirement: I support this as I have personally heard the frustrations of our police department on the Distance that vehicle must remain to be removed. And though this has little effect on completely abandoned Vehicles. I have witnessed as scavengers move vehicles so that they can continue to return and strip them for parts. Meanwhile for the rest of us. It is a constant hazard and creates health risks as these cars leak more fluids into our Aina. With our Local Police Department supporting this. I wholeheartedly stand with the and this Bill.

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Submitted on: 2/1/2022 12:25:52 PM

Testimony for TRN on 2/2/2022 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Judith Ann Tang	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB1412 will give my county, Puna, and the rest of Hawaii, a chance to get rid of all the dumped stripped cars that are such an eyesore for the Puna area. I drive home from work and look down the side streets and see cars just left and stripped. It is uncomfortable to live in such a dumpy-looking area. No one seems to have a good explanation for why car owners can get away with just dumping their cars. After attending my local town hall meeting, this bill will be perfect to help control the car situation. I am in full support of anything that will keep my neighborhood beautiful and safe.

ilagan2 - Nicole

From: Rep. Greggor Ilagan
Sent: Tuesday, February 1, 2022 1:42 PM
To: ilagan2 - Nicole
Subject: FW: URGENT: Your testimony on abandoned vehicles and auto theft is needed by 4pm today

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From: Sky <auntiesky808@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 1, 2022 1:38 PM
To: Rep. Greggor Ilagan <repilagan@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: Re: URGENT: Your testimony on abandoned vehicles and auto theft is needed by 4pm today

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Well, neither tech support nor library are able to verify my new account, so I would like get testimony to committee through Representative's office since this is taking way too much time.

HB1412. Support this bill because specific times and distance of moving abandoned vehicles will help law enforcement remove these vehicles more efficiently.

HB1413 Support this bill because vehicles should not be abandoned as reason for avoiding fines or fees leaving burden on taxpayers.

HB 1486 Support because in these difficult times, especially, vehicle theft may keep someone from job, school, or medical treatment therefore such theft should carry stiff penalties as a discouragement.

Margaret Goodheart
PO Box 492678
Kea'au Hawaii

Thank you, Office to assist with testimony.
Aloha,
Sky Torigoe Goodheart

On Tue, Feb 1, 2022, 12:45 PM Sky <auntiesky808@gmail.com> wrote:

Fyi
Gregor is asking for testimony from us as you can see below.

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From: Rep. Greggor Ilagan <aloha@repilagan.com>
Date: Tue, Feb 1, 2022, 9:34 AM
Subject: URGENT: Your testimony on abandoned vehicles and auto theft is needed by 4pm today
To: Sky Goodheart <auntiesky808@gmail.com>



February 1, 2022

Aloha Sky,

During the middle of last month, I introduced [ten bills](#) for the 2022 legislative session. Yesterday, four of those bills received a hearing. This is where you can help. Once a bill is scheduled to be heard in a committee, testimony for the bill is collected. I want to ask for your testimony for these bills below:

Transportation Committee on Wednesday, January 2, 2022 at 10:30AM: Urgent your testimony is needed by 4pm today

- [HB1412](#): Relating to Abandoned Vehicles:
Requires 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. Requires 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.
- [HB1413](#): Relating to Abandoned Vehicles:
Allows the director of finance of a county to require payment of outstanding charges and fines owed to the county relating to the disposition of an abandoned vehicle within the county by the registered owner of the abandoned vehicle before issuing a certificate of registration or completing a transfer of ownership, except under certain circumstances. Requires the county directors of finance to notify the appropriate county examiner of drivers of individuals who have outstanding charges and fines owed to the county relating to the disposition of an abandoned vehicle, who shall have their licenses revoked, suspended, or prohibited from being renewed.
- [HB1414](#): Relating to Abandoned Vehicles:
Makes a person who is the registered owner of a vehicle that was deemed abandoned or derelict subject to a tiered fine system.

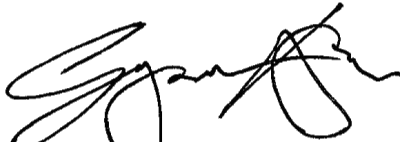
For more information about abandoned vehicles, click on this [link](#) to learn more.

Consumer Protection & Commerce Committee on Wednesday, January 2, 2022 at 2:00PM: Urgent your testimony is needed by 4pm today

- [HB1486](#): Relating to Theft:
Amends the offense of theft in the first degree to specifically include theft of a motor vehicle as defined in section 291C-1, HRS.

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Warm Mahalo,



Representative Greggor Ilagan



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February 1, 2022

**TO: Hawai'i State House Committee on Transportation
Rep. Henry Aquino, Chair
Rep. Greggor Ilagan, Vice Chair
Committee Members**

RE: Hearing @ 10:30AM, Wed., Feb. 2, 2022

HB 1412, HB 1413 & HB 1414 – SUPPORT

Thank you for crafting and now holding this hearing to discuss this package of bills to address the alarming increase in abandoned vehicles across the state. The bills would help close loopholes in existing laws and give the counties and their respective employees the tools needed to hold owners of abandoned vehicles accountable for disposal.

Please do all you can to expedite these three bills to ensure passage this session.

Mahalo for your time and for listening to community concerns.]

Patti Cook

HB-1412

Submitted on: 2/1/2022 3:03:05 PM

Testimony for TRN on 2/2/2022 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Paul Montague	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support passage of HB 1412, but I also believe that a small fee should be added to vehicle registrations to help cover the costs of scrapping vehicles. Almost every vehicle that gets shipped to Hawaii must be eventually junked. With a fee added to the registration, every owner of the vehicle will pay towards its disposal.

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Submitted on: 2/1/2022 3:40:00 PM

Testimony for TRN on 2/2/2022 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
bob ernst	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB1412

Aloha Chair Aquino

Aloha Vice Chair Ilagan,

Aloha Committee Members Clark, Hashimoto, Kitagawa, LoPresti, Nakamura, Takumi and Matsumoto,

Abandoned vehicles are a menace especially when discarded improperly and/or allowed to accumulate on private property. People must have the Aloha to have the Kuleana to take care of their unwanted vehicle(s) and if they do not they need to be "influenced" to do so.

Please support these bills dealing with abandoned vehicles so that the abandoned vehicle menace does not continue to fester.

Mahalo,

Bob Ernst

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Submitted on: 2/1/2022 4:12:17 PM

Testimony for TRN on 2/2/2022 10:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair Aquino

Vice Chari Ilagan and members of the House Transportation Committee,

I am hereby testifying in favor of HB 1412.

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 the Counties address this problem.

I would love to see this measure expanded to include abandonment on private subdivision roadways that open to public usage.

I support HB 1412 with or without that addition.

Thank you for addressing this issue.

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