

**HB-1414-HD-1**

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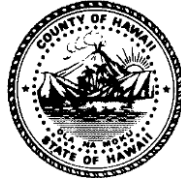
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Maui Mayor Victorino	Hawaii Council of Mayors	Support	No

Comments:

**Mitchell D. Roth**  
*Mayor*

**Lee Lord**  
*Managing Director*



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February 22, 2022

Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair  
Rep. Kyle T. Yamashita, Vice Chair, and  
Members of the House Committee on Finance

Chair Luke and Committee Members,

The County of Hawai'i Department of Environmental Management supports HB 1414, HD1, which provides for increased penalties for repeat offenders of abandoned vehicles. To encourage compliance, the penalty for habitually polluting the 'āina by abandoning vehicles must be much higher than the cost of proper and responsible disposal.

Abandoned vehicles are a challenge in all counties and I appreciate this effort to provide clarity for the ultimate goal of a clean, safe, and healthy island environment.

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  
**MICHAEL A. DAHLIG**, MANAGING DIRECTOR

# 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  
House Committee on Finance  
February 23, 2022, 2:30 pm  
via Videoconference

In consideration of  
HB1414 HD1  
Relating to Abandoned Vehicles

Honorable Chair Sylvia Luke, Honorable Vice Chair Kyle T. Yamashita, and Members of the Committee:

The Kauai Police Department (KPD) **strongly supports** passage of House Bill 1414 HD1 as it establishes the means for counties to create financial accountability for vehicle owners who leave multiple abandoned and derelict vehicles on the side of the road and walk away with impunity.

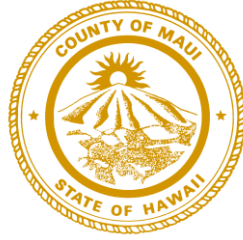
Kauai County continues to see widespread abandoned vehicles island wide. Not only are these vehicles an eyesore for the public, but they are also an environmental hazard. KPD is in support of HB 1414 HD1 which would establish a tiered fine system for repeat offenders of abandoned and derelict vehicles.

We believe the passing of this bill would discourage repeat offenders by increasing the penalties for abandoning multiple vehicles.

For the foregoing reasons, KPD strongly supports passage of HB 1414 HD1. Thank you for your time and consideration.



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February 22, 2022

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

BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE  
Wednesday, February 23, 2022, 2:30 p.m.  
Via Videoconference

In consideration of **HOUSE BILL 1414 HD 1 RELATING TO ABANDONED VEHICLES**

Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair  
Honorable Kyle T. Yamashita, Vice Chair  
Honorable Members of the Committee on Finance

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The County of Maui Department of Environmental Management stands in **SUPPORT of HB 1414 HD 1** which makes a person who is the registered owner of a vehicle that was deemed abandoned or derelict subject to a tiered fine system.

We support this bill because it will serve to hold responsible those who repeatedly abandon vehicles. In our experience, there appears to be a certain demographic of people who chronically dump vehicles. One group or type of perpetrator includes amateur or independent mechanics who acquire vehicles for parts; these vehicles are then abandoned once useful parts are removed. We hope that taking a stronger stance and holding them more accountable will deter them from this activity, and thereby decrease the number of vehicles that require response.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony **in support of HB 1414 HD 1.**

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Councilmember Yuki Lei Sugimura	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support HB 1414 to help deter irresponsible actions of abandoning veicles with no consequences/

Yuki Lei Sugimura

Councilmember Maui Coumty

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
P Hauoli'ipo Wright	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I'm still concerned with the wording of this bill as it isn't clear what a "tiered fine system" would be exactly. I would like to support HB1414, but without knowing what "a tiered fine system" mean, for now I have to oppose it. I believe that holding the registered owner responsible for the fines and costs of disposal as well as canceling their driver's license is sufficient punishment.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Ralph Boyea	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke and Finance Committee members,

I am hereby testifying in favor of HB 1413 HD1

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 1414 HD1.

Additional fines and penalties for repeat offenders may be a viable deterrent if accurate records of ownership are maintained.

Thank you for addressing this issue.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Barbara Cigainero	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Committee Chair and Members: I am writing to ask for your support of HB 1414. I live in the Puna Region of the Big Island of Hawaii. If your car costs more money to fix than it is worth there seems to be a common practice of just leaving it by the side of the road in our region. While car owners may face a real problem with knowing what to do with vehicles that cannot be fixed, abandoning them is not the solution and should be discouraged. A tiered system of fines may provide enough deterrent to vehicle abandonment to allow us time and resources to look for other solutions. Please help us with this problem by making the abandonment of vehicles too costly of a practice to continue.

Mahalo. Barbara Cigainero, Keaau, HI 96749



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Julia Lindbergh	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am in favor of HB 1414. Julia Lindbergh

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Christi-Jean Donnelly	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill, as I believe it will deter people from abandoning vehicles on our roads.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
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

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
nani pogline	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Long over due

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Judith Ann Tang	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am in support of this bill. Car owners have to be held accountable for their cars. The titled owner is responsible for whatever happens to his vehicle. This should not have been made into a bill. This should be in the vehicle codebook. Thanks to Rep. Illigan who has asked people in Puna what was bothering them. He shows he is willing to help as much as he can.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Eda Motonaga	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Transcribed by Nicky Watts:

"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."

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Dustin Swan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Owners of abandoned vehicles, that have not reported a theft, should be subject to fines for the removal and disposal of said vehicles. Any efforts to curb the abandoned vehicle problems in Hawaii should be supported. They are a public nuisance that are often filled with rubbish and set on fire which becomes a public hazard.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Nicole Watts	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill because it heightens the stakes of getting caught. There will still need to be reform within the justice system to assure accountability, especially in Puna, but it helps to lay ground work for future progression.