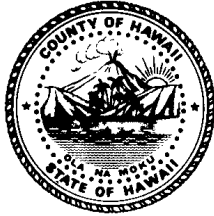


HEATHER L. KIMBALL

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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 1414, Abandoned Vehicles - Repeat Offenders and Penalties.**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT** of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to make a person who is the registered owner of a vehicle that was deemed abandoned or derelict subject to a tiered fine system.

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 a mechanism by which repeated offenders of abandoned vehicle laws are subject to increasing fines for each offense.

For these reasons, I ask for your **SUPPORT** of HB 1414.

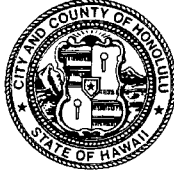
Sincerely,

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Heather Kimball
Hawai'i County Council Member

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February 9, 2022

The Honorable Mark M. Nakashima, Chair
The Honorable Scot Z. Matayoshi, Vice Chair
And Members of the Committee on
Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs
State Capitol, Room 432
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Mark M. Nakashima, Vice Chair Scot Z. Matayoshi, and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs,

SUBJECT: H.B. 1414 HD1 - Relating to Abandoned Vehicles

Honolulu City and County Department of Customer Services (CSD), Motor Vehicles, Licensing and Permitting (MVLP) Division, strongly supports H.B. 1414 HD1 Relating to Abandoned Vehicles. This bill makes the registered owner of a vehicle that is deemed abandoned or derelict subject to a tiered fine system.

CSD MVLP, handles all the requests and inquiries for abandoned vehicle removal. We are responsible for the towing of all inoperable motor vehicles from the roads as well as private property. We are committed to making our roadways safe for all of our communities.

This bill makes the registered owner of a vehicle that is deemed abandoned or derelict subject to a tiered fine system. By making the registered owner of a vehicle that is deemed abandoned or derelict subject to a tiered fine system, it puts the accountability back on the registered owner and forces the owner to deal with the abandoned or derelict vehicle in a correct and legal manner. By holding the registered owner of an abandoned or derelict vehicle accountable for its disposition, we will have less abandoned or derelict vehicles left on our roadways.

We urge the Committee to pass H.B. 1414 HD1. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

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Kimberly M. Hashiro
Acting Director

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HB-1414-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/10/2022 9:05:28 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/10/2022 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Tamara Farnsworth	County of Maui Department of Environmental Management	Support	No

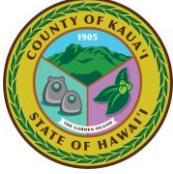
Comments:

We are writing in **SUPPORT of HB 1414**

This bill will serve to hold those who repeatedly abandon vehicles. In our experience, there does appear to be a certain demographic of people who chronically dump vehicles. One group or type of perpetrator that includes amateur or independent mechanics who acquire vehicles for parts and then abandon them after they have removed the parts that are useful to them. We hope that taking a stronger stance and holding them more accountable will deter them from this activity, decreasing the number of vehicles that require response.

We have found that those who repeatedly abandon vehicles generally do so with criminal intent, and should be held accountable. In reference to timing for repeat offenses, **no more than a one year** threshold between offenses should be sufficient.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this important matter.



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



TODD G. RAYBUCK, CHIEF OF POLICE
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Testimony of Roderick B. Green
Captain, Patrol Services Bureau
Kauai Police Department

February 10, 2022

Before the
Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs Committee
February 10, 2022, 2:00 pm
via Videoconference

In consideration of
HB1414
Relating to Abandoned Vehicles

Honorable Chair Mark Nakashima, Honorable Vice Chair Scot Matayoshi, and Members of the Committee:

The Kauai Police Department (KPD) **strongly supports** passage of House Bill 1414 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 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. Thank you for your time and consideration.



Mitchell D. Roth
Mayor

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Managing Director



Ramzi I. Mansour
Director

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Mark M. Nakashima, Chair, and
Members of the House Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs

Chair Nakashima 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 cost of polluting the 'āina by abandoning a vehicle 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,

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Ramzi Mansour
Director



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AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Thursday, February 10, 2022
TIME: 2:00 p.m.
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
Conference Room 325
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

Testimony of Hawaii Council of Mayors
on
H.B. 1414
Relating to Abandoned Vehicles; Repeat Offenders; Penalties
Wednesday, February 10, 2022
2:00 P. M.
VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
ROOM 423
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

The Hawaii Council of Mayors supports H. B. 1414. The legislation of Bill 1414 makes a person who is a registered owner of a vehicle that has deemed abandoned or derelict to a tiered fine system. Supporting this bill provides a venue to deter and curtail individuals from abandoning their vehicles by expanding penalties for those who have multiple abandoned vehicles.

Too often the counties are inundated with complaints about derelict vehicles. The counties are burdened with fronting the cost of towing and disposition of said vehicles with no means to recoup the high cost of towing and disposing of the vehicles.

We ask the legislature to support this bill as a venue to help the counties keep our roadways and environment and roadways clean, healthy and safe.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify and we ask for your support to address all matters relating to abandoned vehicles.

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

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

February 10, 2022

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HB-1414-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/10/2022 12:11:03 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/10/2022 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha

This measure is considered essential by our community to fight the tsunami of abandoned vehicles in our neighborhood. Thank you for your support of this measure and our community.
Mahalo

Todd Reilly Sr

Nanawale Board of Directors

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HB-1414-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/9/2022 7:56:25 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/10/2022 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I support HB1414 as a way to minimize abandon vehicles. I also hope the tier fine system can be paid through community service or another none monetary ways for those living in low socioeconomic circumstances.

Thank you.

LATE

HB-1414-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/10/2022 8:22:00 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/10/2022 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Dear Chair and Committe Members: I live in the Puna Region of the Big Island. Abandoned vehicles have become a source of blight in many neighborhoods. This bill will provide atiered system for fines relating to abondoned vehicles. I would ask that this bill, if passed, be made effective as soon as possible not in 2050. We need help now. I believe that without intervention, the vehicles being addressed will in fact continue to be present in our neighborhoods until 2050. After being abandoned, these vehicles are stripped of parts and typically set on fire. You can drive in areas of our region and see rows of burned out vehicles. This is demoralizing for those of us who live in these areas and we need your help and intervention. Please support HB 1414 and make it effective as soon as possible. Mahalo.

Barbara Cigainero, Keaau, HI 96749

I don't have time to log on right now but here's my testimony you can copy and paste or do whatever with

Re: abandoned vehicles, this is a huge problem in Puna district where I live and work. I think there's a few related issues.

One if car theft, which is also a huge problem here. We need a task force with the police to go after car thieves and not brush it off

bc alot of the junk cars are stolen, torn apart (thieves take what they want) then they dump the rest of the car.

Another issue is making sure who actually owns it and giving fines to the proper person who dumped the vehicle,

If someone got their car stolen then ripped and dumped, then the owner shouldnt' be liable, the thief should be,

we need a system to make sure the criminal gets the fine/punishment not the victim of the crime.

another issue is poor people who have cars they cannot afford to repair just abandon them bc they also don't have \$500 to get it towed,

to this end, we need a local recycling plant that can recylce old cars and pick them up

that's what I see as solutions,

thanks,

Rebecca Corby



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I totally support the bills that representative Ilagan is proposing. Abandoned vehicles are a problem especially in rural subdivisions and we have issues with repeat offenders who have junk yards and are doing business selling auto parts. Anything that you can do to make it more difficult or expensive to these criminals would be greatly appreciated. We don't have the funds or man-power to patrol the streets . Thank you so much for your help

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HB-1414-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/10/2022 10:14:12 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/10/2022 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I would like to support HB1414, but without knowing what "a tiered fine system" means exactly, 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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Peter Paiuole

What do we need to do to get rid of those abandoned vehicles? There's so much. Who ever owned the car last should be charged.

Right now I have 4 abandoned vehicles on my street. It is an eye sore. I used to take care of cutting the grass by myself but now I can't because of the vehicles. I like it when it's clean.

I hope that they can find a way to clean it. I know the persons who abandon it but when I said something to them, they say it's not their car. It's their responsibility. My last vehicle I sold, I took them to the DMV and made sure it was turned over to them at the DMV.

I support HB 1412, HB 1413, HB 1414

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HB-1414-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/10/2022 12:29:09 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/10/2022 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Whole heartedly support this bill. In our single subdivision alone, in Puna District, Big Island, we have 3 property owners (illegal junkyards) who create approximately 150 abandoned vehicles annually that are towed away at the taxpayer's expense. Thousands of cars are abandoned in our County alone each year and it is due to a small number of individuals. In the absence of the County's zoning enforcement department's inability to enforce violators, other steps must be taken.

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HB-1414-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/10/2022 1:49:15 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/10/2022 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am IN favor of HB1414 presented by Representative Ilagan.

Thank you very much.

Julia Lindbergh

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HB-1414-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/10/2022 1:56:21 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/10/2022 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
David Boulais	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill.