

HB-1414

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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:

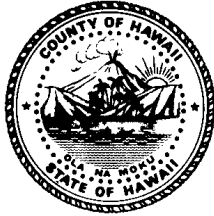
Support the work of Representative Iilagan on abandoned vehicles.

Councilmember Yuki Lei Sugimura

HEATHER L. KIMBALL

Council Member

*Chair, Committee on Governmental Operations,
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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,

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



Committee on Transportation

Rep. Henry J.C. Aquino, Chair

Rep. Greggor Ilagan, Vice Chair

Rep. Linda Clark

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Testimony of Hawaii County of Mayors

on

H.B. 1414

Relating to Abandoned Vehicles; Repeat Offenders; Penalties

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

10:30 A.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

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Submitted on: 2/1/2022 3:40:36 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 1414

RELATING TO ABANDONED VEHICLES

REPEAT OFFENDERS

This bill will serve to hold accountable those who repeatedly abandon vehicles. In our experience, there does appear to be a certain demographic of people who chronically dump vehicles. One fairly common type of perpetrator 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, littering the streets with hazardous, stripped shells of cars. We hope that taking a stronger stance and holding them more financially accountable will deter them from this activity, decreasing the number of vehicles that require response.

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 deter chronic perpetrators from further escalating the problem of abandoned vehicles and hold them more accountable for their wrongful actions.

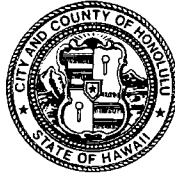
Mahalo nui.

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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. 1414 - 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. 1414 Relating to
Abandoned Vehicles and makes the registered owner of a vehicle that is deemed
abandoned or derelict subject to a tiered fine system.

CSD handles all requests and inquiries for abandoned vehicle removal and is
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 requires a registered owner to be accountable for his or her vehicle, and
responsible for proper disposition in an appropriate and legal manner. By placing this
responsibility on the vehicle owner, there should be fewer abandoned or derelict vehicles
left on our roadways.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on H.B. No. 1414.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nola N. Miyasaki".

Nola N. Miyasaki
Director

HB-1414

Submitted on: 2/1/2022 10:00:28 AM

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

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

Comments:

Aloha,

Please support this important measure to clean the island of abandoned vehicles. This is one of the necessary steps to curb crime and toxic waste.

Mahalo

Todd Reilly Sr

Nanawale BOD

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Submitted on: 2/1/2022 7:28:27 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:

HB1414, along with companion bills HB1412 & HB1413, helps counties create accountability for abandoned-vehicle owners. It is critical to addressing this growing problem statewide and should be given utmost priority for passage. Abandoned vehicles present a public eyesore that threatens the very foundation of our economy: tourism. Who can enjoy Hawaii's beauty with a burned-out, junk car in view? Yet we see more and more of them in our public spaces. I wholeheartedly support these measures to get the abandoned vehicle problem under control.

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Submitted on: 2/1/2022 9:24:45 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 measures to manage this problem.

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Submitted on: 2/1/2022 10:48:25 AM

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

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

Comments:

Aloha,

Today I write in support of HB 414 regarding " Abandoned Vehicles; Repeat Offenders; Penalties". Abandoned vehicles are an eyesore that can depreciate land values. They are also a safety hazard for the residents and motorists that are nearby. For these reasons it is important to hold citizens accountable for their continued actions of vehicle abandonment. A tiered fine system based on ownership status (unless the vehicle is stolen) will help to deter offenders from dumping one busted up vehcile for the next.

Mahalo,

Samantha Gomes

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Submitted on: 2/1/2022 12:06:36 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.

HB1414 – Repeat Offenders: I strongly support this Bill. Anyone with the disrespect to know it is wrong and the negative things it causes a community as a whole but continues to do it should be addressed. Habitual offenders should be treated differently from random offenders. These are the loophole exposers and the ones who make a mockery of what you do. They do not care what laws you pass. They will continue because it’s the same charge every time. At what time does a criminal finally go to jail? That should be the question you ask before voting on this bill.

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Submitted on: 2/1/2022 12:54:46 PM
Testimony for TRN on 2/2/2022 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Brian F Jordan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Sir or Madam,

While I concur with this Bill I ask that the fines left blank in 290 be nominal such as 1 yr \$100.00, 2 yrs \$200 3 yrs \$300.00. Most of these individuals do not have any excess income or they probably would have resolved these issues. It has been my experience that many times houses with multiple abandoned cars, are in fact the sign of other behavioral problems such as substance abuse. This makes parting cars owned or stolen a source of income. leaving unmovable hulks. It then becomes an EPA HAZMAT issue as abandoned car trunks make great portable mixing labs for meth where acetone and lye along with petroleum ditillates from the parted cars cause ground and groundwater pollution. The EPA should be notified if HAZMAT issues arise and then substantially more money should be remitted by the owner or thief who is deemed responsible for the vehicles present disposition.

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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

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Submitted on: 2/1/2022 3:12:04 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 HtB 1414 as a way to decrease the amount of Abandoned Vehicles along our roads. However, I would like to see a small fee added to each vehicle registration to be used to cover the costs of scrapping the vehicle. Almost every vehicle that is shipped to Hawaii will have to be junked. By paying an annual fee, each owner of the vehicle will be paying towards the cost of disposal.

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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:

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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 4:39:55 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 1414.

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.

Abandoned vehicle coordinators have enough to do without having to deal with false reports of abandonment. I would support this measure even if the limit on false reports was three instead of five.

I also agree with establishing fines for anyone who abandons a vehicle.

I understand that there are people who can not afford to properly dispose of their vehicles. I would like to see a system in place whereby a registered owner can contact the County for assistance in the disposal of their vehicle. I believe such a system would greatly reduce the need for people to abandon their vehicles. Assistance could be based on income level.

Thank you for addressing this issue.