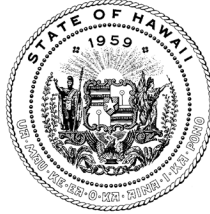


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Before the Senate Committee on
TRANSPORTATION

Thursday, February 4, 2021
3:00 PM
State Capital, Conference Room 224

In consideration of
SENATE BILL 755
RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

Senate Bill 755 proposes to require lessors of rental motor vehicles to include an option for the lessee in motor vehicle rental agreement to contribute a sum to the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) for the preservation and protection of the environment. **The Department supports this measure provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in the Executive Biennium Budget request.**

The Department recognizes the important role Hawaii's natural and cultural resources play in our economic sectors, and that management of these resources is substantially underfunded, especially when considering the challenges we face with climate change. Given these resources are vital to sustaining our tourism industry, the Department supports this measure as it will provide the opportunity for dedicated funding to support the management of these resources.

The Department notes that people are more willing to pay fees to contribute to conservation initiatives if they know their contributions will be put directly into the management of natural resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

SB-755

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Testimony for TRS on 2/4/2021 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lea Hong	Testifying for The Trust for Public Land	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Lee and members of the Committee:

The Trust for Public Land supports SB755 as a voluntary and creative way to provide much needed funding for management of Hawaii's precious natural resources in these difficult economic times. Voluntary contributions from visitors to maintain and manage the natural and cultural resources they enjoy has proven successful in other contexts on the mainland and throughout the world.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.

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Committee on Transportation

Thursday, February 4, 2021, 3:00 p.m.
Via Videoconference

RE: SB 755 – Relating to Transportation – In Opposition

Aloha Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye and members of the committee:

My name is Robert Muhs, Vice President Government Affairs, Corporate Compliance and Business Ethics for Avis Budget Group. Avis Budget appreciates this opportunity to offer testimony in opposition to SB 755, which would require lessors of rental motor vehicles to include an option for the lessee in the motor vehicle rental agreement to contribute a sum to DLNR for the preservation and protection of the environment.

It would be an administrative burden to implement, maintain records and submit contributions to accommodate consumers who may check this option. Additionally, with Hawaii having one of the highest rental car surcharge amounts in the country, there may not be enough consumer interest to make such a contribution. Perhaps there should be a study first to determine interest.

For this reason, we ask that the committee defer this measure. Thank you.



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DATE: February 3, 2021

TO: Senator Chris Lee
Chair, Committee on Transportation

FROM: Mihoko Ito

RE: **S.B. 755, Relating to Transportation**
Hearing Date: Thursday, February 4, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.
Conference Room: 224

Dear Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye, and members of the Senate Committee on Transportation:

We submit this testimony on behalf of Enterprise Holdings, which includes Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Alamo Rent-A-Car, National Car Rental, and Enterprise Commute (Van Pool).

Enterprise **opposes** S.B. 755, which requires lessors of rental motor vehicles to include an option to the lessee in the motor vehicle agreement to contribute a sum to the Department of Land and Natural Resources for the preservation and protection of the environment beginning January 1, 2022.

Enterprise already offers a voluntary contribution for research to offset carbon emissions on each contract. The details are available on a website we identify for our renters. We do not feel that it is appropriate for the state to require rental car companies to include the voluntary contribution provided for in S.B. 755. Rather, this should be left to each individual company. As it is, the state already collects from rental car customers substantial sums of money to be used for state purposes. We do not feel that it is justified to solicit additional contributions from renters, and feel that it will alienate our customers.

For these reasons, we oppose S.B. 755 and respectfully request that the Committee hold this measure. Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.