

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 16 2024

RE: S.B. No. 2111
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts, to which was referred S.B. No. 2111 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Under certain conditions, limit the payment of any delinquent tax and penalty required by the Director of Finance of a county as a condition precedent to the transfer of ownership of a vehicle to the aggregate amount of delinquent taxes and penalties accumulated by the previous registered owner over the preceding five-year period;
- (2) Establish a fine of not more than \$5,000 for a person that transfers ownership of a vehicle and thereafter reobtains ownership by subsequent transfer for the primary purpose of evading delinquent taxes and penalties; and
- (3) Require the respective counties to amend any applicable ordinances.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from three individuals.



Your Committee finds that some car owners fail to pay delinquent taxes and penalties on vehicles that remain unused for years or even decades. Existing law requires that the person who re-registers a vehicle is required to pay the delinquent taxes and penalties, which shifts the burden to the person purchasing the used vehicle. This measure will help the purchasers of used vehicles by limiting the payment of delinquent taxes and penalties accumulated by the previous owner to the preceding five-year period.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2111, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2111, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committees on Judiciary and Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Transportation and
Culture and the Arts,

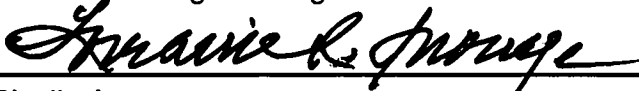


CHRIS LEE, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Second Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts
TCA

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2111	Committee Referral: TCA, JDC/WAM	Date: 2-13-2024		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
LEE, Chris (C)	✓			
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (VC)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	✓			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	✓			
AWA, Brenton				✓
TOTAL	4			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes