

ACT 298

H.B. NO. 1688

A Bill for an Act Relating to Registration of Vehicles.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Section 286-51, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

“(b) This part shall be administered by the director of finance in conjunction with the requirements of sections 249-1 to 249-13 and shall entail no additional expense or charge to the person registering the ownership of a motor vehicle other than as provided by this section or by other laws; provided that for each new certificate of ownership issued by the director of finance under section 286-52, the director of finance may charge a fee which shall be deposited in the general fund. The fees charged to issue a new certificate of ownership shall be established by the county’s legislative body.

Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, an additional fee of not more than [~~\$1 for each certificate of registration for a U-drive motor vehicle and~~] \$2 for each certificate of registration for all [~~other~~] motor vehicles may be established by ordinance and collected annually by the director of finance of each county, to be used and administered by each county:

- (1) For the purpose of beautification and other related activities of highways under the ownership, control, and jurisdiction of each county; ~~and~~
- (2) To defray the additional cost in the disposition and other related activities of abandoned or derelict vehicles as prescribed in chapter 290. For the purposes of this paragraph, other related activities shall include but need not be limited to any and all storage fees that are negotiated between each county and a towing company contracted by the county to remove and dispose of abandoned or derelict vehicles~~[-]; and~~
- (3) To mitigate and address the impacts of tourism-related traffic congestion.

The \$2 fee established pursuant to this subsection for certificates of registration for all motor vehicles ~~[other than U-drive motor vehicles]~~ may be increased by ordinance up to a maximum of \$10~~[-]; provided that all amounts received from any fee increase over \$2 shall be expended only for the purposes of paragraph (2)].~~ The moneys so assessed and collected shall be placed in a revolving fund entitled, “the highway beautification [and disposal of abandoned or derelict vehicles], abandoned vehicle, and tourism-related traffic congestion revolving fund”.”

SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2023.

(Approved July 12, 2022.)