
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SPECIAL INTEREST VEHICLES.

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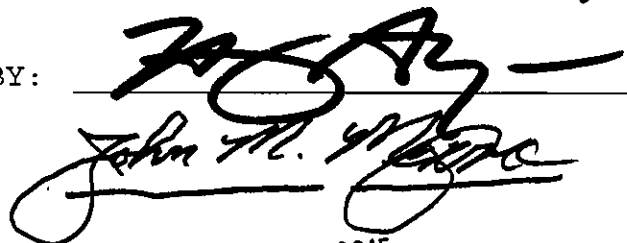
1 SECTION 1. Section 286-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending the definition of "special interest vehicle"
3 to read as follows:

4 "Special interest vehicle" means a vehicle [~~of any age~~]
5 that, based on its model year, is at least twenty-five years old
6 and because of its significance, is being collected, preserved,
7 restored, or maintained by a collector. The term includes a
8 street rod vehicle and a street rod replica vehicle, as those
9 terms are defined in section 286-26.5 [~~a vehicle manufactured~~
10 ~~before 1968; and a vehicle manufactured after 1967 to resemble a~~
11 ~~vehicle manufactured before 1968]~~."

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed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

14 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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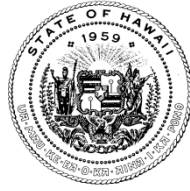
Description:

Redefines "special interest vehicle" to mean a motor vehicle that, based on its model year, is at least 25 years old.

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The Department of Transportation **opposes** this bill, because it has the potential for proliferating unsafe vehicles. The special interest vehicle law was intended to accommodate hobbyists who modify an old vehicle for very limited use like parades or a Sunday drive around the island. The law currently limits the age of vehicles that can be classified as special interest vehicles to the year before the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) became effective. The basis of this law was that, if a vehicle has no safety standards to comply with, then modifying the vehicle will not defeat any standard.

By modifying the definition of "special interest vehicle", vehicle owners would be able to avoid repair of their vehicles older than 25 years. One example of this would be a vehicle owner whose vehicle is older than 25 years, would not be required to repair a broken fender, which normally would fall under Section 286-26.5(d)(3), HRS.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

NOTES DO NOT SUBMIT-

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration limits the life of its standards to 25 years, because most vehicles are worn out and off the road by then. Nationally, the number of vehicles that do remain is so small that the number of injuries caused by their crashes is insignificant. The result of this limit is that noncompliant vehicles can be imported and used on the public roads in the USA, provided there is no state law or county ordinance prohibiting their use. Hawaii's laws do not allow non compliant vehicles to be registered even if they are over 25 years old. Thus, a noncompliant vehicle can be brought to Hawaii, but it cannot be used on the public roads until it complies with the FMVSS that existed on the date that the vehicle was manufactured. A special interest vehicle is an exception, because the Legislature believed that the number of these vehicles would remain small.

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Comments: I support HB1009. I believe vehicles over 25 years hold significant history to a lot of individuals. Many cars from our past may not have been "important" in its day although through time became part of a culture. Creating situations where these cars could have been lost forever would be a shame. It also represents our growth in technology. Again I support HB1009. Thank you Mike

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