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February 3, 2021

**TESTIMONY OF FELICIA COWDEN,
COUNCILMEMBER, KAUAI COUNTY COUNCIL
ON
HB 160, RELATING TO REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES
House Committee on Transportation
Friday, February 5, 2021
10:00 a.m.
Conference Room 423**

Dear Chair Aquino and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide support in favor of HB 160, Relating to Registration of Vehicles. My testimony is submitted in my individual capacity as a Member of the Kaua'i County Council.

HB 160 is included in the Hawai'i State Association of Counties Legislative Package, and is similar to a measure included in the County of Kaua'i Legislative Package. HB 160 would subject U-drive motor vehicles to the same motor vehicle registration fees as other motor vehicles.

Thank you again for this opportunity to provide testimony. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Council Services Staff at (808) 241-4188 or via E-mail to cokcouncil@kauai.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Felicia Cowden".

FELICIA COWDEN
Councilmember, Kaua'i County Council

Testimony of the
Hawaii State Association of Counties
on
H.B. 160 Relating to Registration of Vehicles.
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The Hawaii State Association of Counties (HSAC) strongly supports H.B. 160, which establishes a single \$2 registration fee for motor vehicles to be used by the counties for highway beautification and to defray the additional cost of disposing abandoned or derelict vehicles.

Currently, this fee is \$1 for U-drive motor vehicles and \$2 for other motor vehicles, which may be raised by the counties by ordinance up to \$10. This fee is inequitable because the use of highways and roads by U-drive vehicles is as intense, if not more intense, than other motor vehicles on our highways and roads. Changing the fee to \$2 for all vehicles would be a more equitable application of the fee.

For these reasons, HSAC supports H.B. 160. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on H.B. No. 160.