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The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim, Chair
and Committee Members
Committee on Ways and Means
The Senate
State of Hawaii
State Capitol, Room 210
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Kim and Committee Members:

Subject: S.B. No. 2863 SD1, Relating to Tax Lien and Encumbrance Record

The Division of Motor Vehicle, Licensing and Permits, City and County of Honolulu is concerned with S.B. No. 2863 which will waive the \$5 fee for county and state agencies for the entries made to the tax lien and encumbrance records.

Section 286-46 (b), HRS, describes the laborious recording that must be made by the motor vehicle staff. Previous to the enactment of the \$5 fee, the division had to dedicate one staff member to research any and all vehicles registered to the defendant on both our computer file and microfilm files, accomplish the manual posting to the tax lien and encumbrance records, and flag the vehicle record on our motor vehicle registration computer files, if the record existed on the computer file. Often times, we would have a backlog as a result of the research required and manual posting. This laborious process was accomplished at the expense of completing other required motor vehicle registration transactions such as processing motor vehicle renewals, ownership transfers, and filing of our active certificate of titles.

We would not have any objections to the waiver of the \$5 fee if the county or state agency provided us the vehicle information or limit our research to vehicles that are on our computer files rather than requiring us to search at least seven years of microfilm files.

We recommend that S.B. No. 2863 SD1 be amended by amending the additional statutory language on page 4, lines 3 through 4 to read:

"Neither the State, county, nor any political subdivision, shall be charged a fee for any entry made in the tax lien and encumbrance record if the vehicle is found on the motor vehicle registration computer file."

Sincerely,


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Licensing Administrator