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DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR

May 6, 2015

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,
President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 210
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Joseph M. Souki,
Speaker and Members of the
House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Souki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on May 6, 2015, the following bill was signed into law:

SB233 SD1 HD1

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE
REGISTRATION
ACT 047 (15)

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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STATE OF HAWAII

ACT 047
S.B. NO. 233
S.D. 1
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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Section 286-41(a), Hawaii Revised Statutes,
2 requires that every owner of a motor vehicle which is to be
3 operated upon the public highways shall apply to the director of
4 finance of the county where the vehicle is to be operated, for
5 the registration thereof. Section 286-42, Hawaii Revised
6 Statutes, allows the county director of finance to enter into a
7 contract with new car dealerships and motor vehicle rental
8 companies for the registration of new motor vehicles.

9 The legislature finds that the registration of used cars or
10 previously owned vehicles is the responsibility of the
11 individual buyer, whereas the registration of new cars is
12 commonly undertaken by the dealership. The legislature further
13 finds that used car dealerships and rental car companies are
14 increasing their sales of used cars in response to growing
15 consumer demand. The legislature further finds that car dealers
16 and rental car companies should be able to register used cars



1 when the cars are sold to the same extent as new car dealers and
2 motor vehicle rental companies.

3 The purpose of this Act is to allow the respective county
4 directors of finance to enter into contracts with car
5 dealerships and motor vehicle rental companies to register used
6 cars.

7 SECTION 2. Section 286-41, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
8 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

9 "(a) Every owner of a motor vehicle which is to be
10 operated upon the public highways shall, for each vehicle owned,
11 except as herein otherwise provided[7] and except as provided in
12 section 286-42(c), apply to the director of finance of the
13 county where the vehicle is to be operated, for the registration
14 thereof. If a vehicle is moved to another county and is to be
15 operated upon the public highways of that county, the existing
16 certificate of registration shall be valid until its expiration
17 date, at which time the owner shall apply to the director of
18 finance of the county in which the vehicle is then located for
19 the registration of the vehicle, whether or not the owner is
20 domiciled in the county or the owner's principal place of
21 business is in that county, except that this provision shall not



1 apply to vehicles which are temporarily transferred to another
2 county for a period of not more than three months."

3 SECTION 3. Section 286-42, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

5 "(c) The director of finance may enter into a contract
6 with [new] car dealerships and motor vehicle rental companies
7 for the registration of new and used motor vehicles consistent
8 with any statute, ordinance, or provision of any applicable
9 collective bargaining agreement. The director of finance may
10 adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91 as may be necessary for the
11 application, bonding, and procedural requirements of [~~such~~] the
12 contractor."

13 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
14 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

15 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.

APPROVED this 6 day of MAY, 2015


GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII