A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO VEHICLE INSPECTIONS.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 286, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to part II to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

"§286- Vehicle inspector; certification; renewal. (a)

The director shall supervise and certify all inspectors authorized to conduct vehicle inspections at official inspection stations. The director shall:

(1) Determine minimum standards and application criteria for inspectors;

(2) Administer written and performance examinations for all applicants;

(3) Issue official inspector certificates;

(4) Monitor inspection activities of inspectors; and

(5) Conduct investigations of reported or suspected improper inspection activities.
(b) Inspector certificates shall expire four years from
the date of issuance, unless revoked or suspended by the
director.

c) Recertification of inspectors shall follow the
application process for initial certification."

SECTION 2. Section 286-85, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
repealed.

["§286-85—Reconstructed vehicles, approval required. (a)
No person shall operate a reconstructed vehicle upon a public
highway unless it has been inspected and certified by the
designated county agency as meeting the specifications and
requirements established in rules and regulations adopted by the
state director of transportation."

(b) This section shall not apply to any vehicle which is
subject to the rules and regulations of the public utilities
commission governing safety of operation and equipment.

(c) Each county through its chief executive officer, shall
designate a county department, whose responsibilities shall
include the inspection of reconstructed vehicles and the
issuance of permits to operate reconstructed vehicles pursuant
to standards established by the state director of transportation.

(d) The state director of transportation shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91, establishing the fees an inspector may charge for the inspection of a reconstructed vehicle.

(e) The department designated pursuant to subsection (e) shall identify to the county director of finance every vehicle that has been inspected and approved as a reconstructed vehicle.

(f) This section shall not apply to any privately owned reconstructed vehicle in a county with a population of less than 500,000.

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

"(e) The county finance director, upon being notified by the designated county department that a vehicle is a special interest vehicle [or that a vehicle has been inspected and approved as a reconstructed vehicle], shall cause that fact to be shown upon the registration and title certificates for that vehicle."
SECTION 4. This Act does not affect rights and duties that matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were begun before its effective date.

SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
Report Title:
DOT; Vehicle Safety Inspections; Inspectors; Reconstructed Vehicles; Special Inspection and Certification Requirement

Description:
Codifies certain certification, renewal, and violation processes of vehicle inspectors who conduct vehicle safety inspections under the DOT. Repeals section 286-85, HRS, which requires reconstructed vehicles to obtain a special inspection and certification. Takes effect on approval. (SD1)

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