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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU, TO DEVELOP A STRATEGY TO IMPLEMENT A BACK TAX WAIVER PROGRAM IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

1 WHEREAS, the problem of motor vehicles abandoned on
2 Hawaii's roads and highways has become an epidemic; and
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4 WHEREAS, of the 1,267,136 registered motor vehicles in the
5 State in 2018, approximately sixty-three percent were registered
6 in the City and County of Honolulu; and
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8 WHEREAS, traffic congestion in Honolulu consistently ranks
9 as among the worst in the nation and is made worse by the
10 presence of abandoned motor vehicles on the State's highways;
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13 WHEREAS, the high cost of motor vehicle registration taxes
14 and fees is a primary contributor to the abandonment of motor
15 vehicles in the State; and
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17 WHEREAS, a back tax waiver program to waive unpaid or
18 partially unpaid motor vehicle registration taxes and fees would
19 help to reduce the rate of motor vehicle abandonment and
20 unregistered motor vehicle use in the State; now, therefore,
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22 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature
23 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2020, that the
24 Department of Transportation, in conjunction with the City and
25 County of Honolulu, is requested to develop a strategy to
26 implement in the City and County of Honolulu, a back tax waiver
27 program to waive unpaid or partially unpaid motor vehicle
28 registration taxes and fees that are six or more months past
29 due; and
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
32 Transportation is requested to submit a report of its findings
33 and recommendations, including any recommended legislation, to



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1 the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening
2 of the Regular Session of 2021; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
5 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation and
6 Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu.

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OFFERED BY: Kurt Favelle

