

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

382

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 18 , 2021

RE: H.B. No. 161
H.D. 2

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.B. No. 161, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Director of Finance of a county to require an individual to pay any outstanding charges owed to the county for the towing, removal, or disposal of an abandoned or derelict vehicle before a motor vehicle certificate of registration is issued to the individual unless the abandoned vehicle was stolen.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Finance of the County of Kauai, Kauai Police Department, Hawaii State Association of Counties, and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from Enterprise Holdings.

Your Committee finds that abandoned and derelict vehicles in communities across the State are public eyesores and health and safety hazards. This public nuisance stems from the ease of abandoning vehicles, as well as towing fees and other costs involved in disposing of a vehicle, among other factors. Your Committee finds that the counties are not only inundated with complaints about abandoned and derelict vehicles, but the county

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police departments find it difficult to enforce the law, including the collection of outstanding towing and related costs. This measure aims to deter and curtail individuals from abandoning their vehicles by imposing the responsibility for the outstanding charges incurred from abandoned and derelict vehicles on those vehicle owners who contribute to the problem.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to January 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 161, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 161, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Consumer
Protection & Commerce,


AARON LING JOHANSON, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 161 HD 1	Committee Referral: TRN, CPC, FIN	Date: 2/12/2021		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
CPC Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling (C)	✓			
2. KITAGAWA, Lisa (VC)	✓			
3. AQUINO, Henry J.C.	✓			
4. HAR, Sharon E.	✓			
5. HASHEM, Mark J.	✓			
6. KONG, Sam Satoru	✓			
7. MIZUNO, John M.	✓			
8. MORIKAWA, Dee				✓
9. ONISHI, Richard H.K.				✓
10. TARNAS, David A.				✓
11. MATSUMOTO, Lauren	✓			
TOTAL (11)	8	0	0	3
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u><i>Lisa Kitagawa</i></u>				
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