

SB233

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION.

Authorizes the counties to enter into contracts with dealers and rental car companies for the registration of used cars.



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HADA SUPPLEMENTAL testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of
SB 233

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by the Members of the Hawaii Automobile Dealers Association
Hawaii's franchised new car dealers

Chairs Nishihara and Espero, Vice Chairs Harimoto and Baker and Members of the Committees:

I am David Rolf, representing the members of the Hawaii Automobile Dealers Association,
Hawaii's franchised new car dealers.

By DMVs electronically handling the transactions from auto dealers and rental car companies
(the institutional parties), the assets of county DMVs are made more available for service to the
general public.

The association strongly supports SB233 which authorizes the counties to enter into contracts
with dealers and rental car companies for the electronic registration of used cars.

Please note: Statute architecture may call for the language to be inserted in HRS 286-52—
Procedure when title of vehicle is transferred-- instead of the section we originally proposed,
HRS 286-42(c).

Also, HADA feels it would be best to start the program with new car dealers and then add used
car dealers at some point. This is the procedure, we understand, which has been done in other
states.

The language proposed to be added in the statutes will allow the Director of Finance to contract
with new car dealers and rental car agencies for the registration of new and USED vehicles.

Dealers will employ third-party companies to develop the software, train the dealerships, and provide support for the online connection with county departments of motor vehicles for the online electronic processing of automotive registrations.

There are already statutes on the books that stipulate that electronic records are the same, for legal purposes, as paper records.

§92-30 Copy deemed original record. A photograph, microphotograph, reproduction on film, or electronic copy of a government record shall be deemed to be an original record for all purposes, including introduction in evidence in all courts or administrative agencies. A transcript, exemplification, facsimile, or certified copy thereof, for all purposes recited in this section, shall be deemed to be a transcript, exemplification, facsimile, or certified copy of the original record. [L 1945, c 26, pt of §1; RL 1955, §7-6; HRS §92-30; am L 2005, c 177, §4]

The electronic transmission and storage of documents improves a service to customers who will enjoy faster processing of their documents and eliminate a need for dealerships to, in many instances, send people to stand in line at DMVs to register a vehicle on behalf of the customers.

The addition of USED vehicles through SB233 will help modernize Hawaii's paper-centric process to an efficient electronic process....for the benefit of ALL.

HADA thanks the sponsors and co-signers of SB233 and respectfully requests that the committee pass it forward during this legislative session.

Respectfully submitted,
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