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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.



**Report Title:**

Motor Vehicle Registration; County Directors of Finance; Used  
Motor Vehicles

**Description:**

Authorizes the county directors of finance to enter into  
contracts with car dealerships and rental car companies for the  
registration of used motor vehicles. (SB233 HD1)

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