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Friday, February 1, 2019, 10:00 a.m., Conference Room 423

HOUSE BILL 433, "RELATING TO Motor Vehicles"

TO: The Honorable Henry J.C. Aquino, Chair
And Members of the Committee on Transportation

The City and County of Honolulu opposes H.B. No. 433 that provides amnesty for used car purchasers from paying unpaid vehicle registration fees or penalties.

This legislation does not address the root cause of the issue. The root cause being that there is no legislation that requires 3rd parties to obtain a limited power of attorney for the purpose of acting on behalf of the registered owner and/or legal owner. Alternatively, the same goal can be accomplished by requiring that all transaction(s) related to the sale of a vehicle must be accompanied by a notarized form as issued by the Director of Finance. For the City and County of Honolulu, this form would require submittal of a verified social security number and driver's license from both the seller and the buyer; subsequently, a requirement that all title transfers must keep copies of said notarized form until the database of record reflects the new ownership with said form scanned as a secondary set of required documents.

Such a piece of legislation would enable the counties to appropriately investigate the responding party (on average) and pursue claims through authorized collection agencies.

The above piece of legislation altogether fails to address how the legislators plan on funding the additional effort required of the counties in light of the greater focus being on the 'waiving,' of revenues. In short, this legislation enables a decrease in revenue which likely funds the agencies being requested to partake now in investigation and litigation matters which up until now have been left to be addressed by the courts relating to transactions that are taking place between private parties without any involvement by the agency in question.

All the same, the Counties are being asked to individually assess the merits of private transactions when the agency in question is not a party to the transaction.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on H.B. No. 433.

HB-433

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Testimony for TRN on 2/1/2019 10:00:00 AM

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| Victor K. Ramos | Individual | Support | No |

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