

# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ABANDONED VEHICLES.

#### BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that abandoned vehicles
- 2 on public roads are a widespread environmental disaster that can
- 3 impact human health and safety.
- 4 The purpose of this Act is to require the counties to
- 5 remove and dispose of abandoned vehicles on public roads within
- 6 ten business days.
- 7 SECTION 2. Section 290-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 8 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:
- 9 "(a) The counties [may] shall cause vehicles that have
- 10 been abandoned to be taken into custody and disposed of [-]
- 11 within ten business days of abandonment. For the purposes of
- 12 this subsection, a vehicle is "abandoned" if it is defined to be
- 13 abandoned by an ordinance of the county in which the vehicle is
- 14 located. In the absence of such an ordinance, a vehicle is
- 15 "abandoned" if it is left unattended for a continuous period of
- 16 more than twenty-four hours and it is unlawfully parked on any
- 17 public highway or other public property or private lands defined



- 1 as a setback, shoulder, easement, or right of way that is
- 2 adjacent to or part of a public highway. The mayors of the
- 3 several counties may designate an agency within their counties
- 4 to carry out the functions and requirements of this section.
- 5 The term "agency" means any office, department, or other
- 6 governmental unit of the county."
- 7 SECTION 3. The department of transportation shall adopt
- 8 rules pursuant to chapter 91 necessary to carry out the purposes
- 9 of this chapter.
- 10 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 11 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 12 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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### Report Title:

Abandoned Vehicles; Removal and Disposal; Counties; Public Roads

#### Description:

Requires the counties to remove and dispose of abandoned vehicles on public roads within ten business days.

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