
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE COUNTIES TO DEVELOP AN OPTION TO ALLOW HAWAII
RESIDENTS TO REMIT MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION TAXES AND
FEES ON A PRO-RATED BIENNIAL BASIS.

1 WHEREAS, annual taxes and fees collected, when non-new
2 motor vehicles are registered, can have a dire impact on
3 low-income individuals; and
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5 WHEREAS, these low-income individuals may not be able to
6 pay the taxes and fees in one lump sum or may experience
7 financial hardship from doing so; and
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9 WHEREAS, motor vehicles are necessary for travel to and
10 from work and to carry out other daily activities, even if the
11 owner cannot afford to pay for the motor vehicle registration;
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14 WHEREAS, if an individual is ticketed for late registration
15 and is unable to pay, the cycle of financial hardship will
16 continue and increase as delinquent fees and other costs
17 continue to accrue; and
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19 WHEREAS, moratoriums have been placed on rent and mortgage
20 payments in response to the negative economic impact caused by
21 the COVID-19 pandemic and the increased financial hardship faced
22 by many in Hawaii and nationally, but no such moratorium exists
23 for car registration taxes and fees; and
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25 WHEREAS, a possible solution to this issue would be to
26 allow low-income individuals, or persons deemed to be suffering
27 a financial hardship, to pay the registration taxes and fees on
28 their motor vehicles on a pro-rated biennial basis; and



1 WHEREAS, given the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, there should
2 be a moratorium for payments of car registration taxes and fees,
3 similar to the existing moratoriums placed on rent and mortgage
4 payments; now, therefore,

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6 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
7 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
8 of 2021, the Senate concurring, that the counties are requested
9 to develop an option to allow Hawaii residents to remit motor
10 vehicle registration taxes and fees on a pro-rated biannual
11 basis; and

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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the counties are urged to
14 consider a process to establish a moratorium on motor vehicle
15 registration payments; and

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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
18 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the mayors of each
19 county, chairpersons of each county council, Director of the
20 Department of Customer Services of the City and County of
21 Honolulu, Administrator of the Maui County Division of Motor
22 Vehicles & Licensing, Administrator of the Kauai County
23 Department of Motor Vehicles, and Administrator of the Hawaii
24 County Vehicle Registration & Licensing Division.

