
HOUSE RESOLUTION

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

1 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that annual taxes and fees
2 collected when non-new motor vehicles are registered can have a
3 dire impact on 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, the cycle of financial hardship will continue and
15 increase as delinquent fees and other costs continue to accrue
16 if an individual is ticketed for late registration and is unable
17 to pay; 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
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30 WHEREAS, given the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, there should
31 be a moratorium for payments of car registration taxes and fees,



1 similar to the existing moratoriums placed on rent and mortgage
2 payments; now, therefore,

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

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the counties are urged to
11 consider a process to establish a moratorium on car registration
12 payments; and

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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
15 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the Department of
16 Customer Services of the City and County of Honolulu;
17 Administrator of the Maui County Division of Motor Vehicles &
18 Licensing; Administrator of the Kauai County Department of Motor
19 Vehicles; and Administrator of the Hawaii County Vehicle
20 Registration & Licensing Division.

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