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# HOUSE 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, that the counties are requested to develop an option to  
9 allow Hawaii residents to remit motor vehicle registration taxes  
10 and fees on a pro-rated biannual basis; and

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

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

