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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO VEHICLE INSPECTIONS.

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

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 286, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to part II to be appropriately  
3 designated and to read as follows:

4           "§286-       Vehicle inspector; certification; renewal.   (a)

5           The director shall supervise and certify all inspectors  
6 authorized to conduct vehicle safety inspections at official  
7 inspection stations. The director shall:

8           (1) Determine minimum standards and application criteria  
9           for inspectors;

10          (2) Administer written and performance examinations for  
11          all applicants;

12          (3) Issue official inspector certificates;

13          (4) Monitor inspection activities of inspectors; and

14          (5) Conduct investigations of reported or suspected  
15          improper inspection activities.



1        (b) Inspector certificates shall expire four years from  
2 the date of issuance, unless revoked or suspended by the  
3 director.

4        (c) Recertification of inspectors shall follow the  
5 application process for initial certification."

6        SECTION 2. Section 286-42, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
7 amended by amending subsection (e) to read as follows:

8        "(e) The county finance director, upon being notified by  
9 the designated county department that a vehicle is a special  
10 interest vehicle [~~or that a vehicle has been inspected and~~  
11 ~~approved as a reconstructed vehicle]~~, shall cause that fact to  
12 be shown upon the registration and title certificates for that  
13 vehicle."

14        SECTION 3. Section 286-85, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
15 amended to read as follows:

16        "**§286-85 Reconstructed vehicles, approval required.** (a)  
17 No person shall operate a reconstructed vehicle upon a public  
18 highway unless it has been inspected and certified by the  
19 designated county agency as meeting the specifications and  
20 requirements established in rules and regulations adopted by the  
21 state director of transportation.



1 (b) This section shall not apply to any vehicle which is  
2 subject to the rules and regulations of the public utilities  
3 commission governing safety of operation and equipment.

4 (c) Each county through its chief executive officer, shall  
5 designate a county department, whose responsibilities shall  
6 include the inspection of reconstructed vehicles and the  
7 issuance of permits to operate reconstructed vehicles pursuant  
8 to standards established by the state director of  
9 transportation.

10 (d) The state director of transportation shall adopt rules  
11 pursuant to chapter 91, establishing the fees an inspector may  
12 charge for the inspection of a reconstructed vehicle.

13 (e) The department designated pursuant to subsection (c)  
14 shall identify to the county director of finance every vehicle  
15 that has been inspected and approved as a reconstructed vehicle.

16 (f) This section shall not apply to any privately owned  
17 reconstructed vehicle in a county with a population of less  
18 than 500,000.

19 (g) This section shall be inoperative from January 1,  
20 2022, to July 31, 2025."



1 SECTION 4. The department of transportation shall submit a  
2 report on the effects of repealing section 286-85, Hawaii  
3 Revised Statutes, to determine if this repeal should be made  
4 permanent, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to  
5 the convening of the regular session of 2025.

6 SECTION 5. This Act does not affect rights and duties that  
7 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were  
8 begun before its effective date.

9 SECTION 6. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
10 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

11 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2021.



**Report Title:**

Vehicle Safety Inspections; Inspectors; Reconstructed Vehicles;  
Special Inspection and Certification Requirement; DOT

**Description:**

Codifies certain certification, renewal, and violation processes of vehicle inspectors who conduct vehicle safety inspections under the department of transportation. Makes inoperable the requirement for reconstructed vehicles to obtain a special inspection and certification from 1/1/2022 through 7/31/2025. Requires the department of transportation to submit a report on the effects of the repeal no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2025. (CD1)

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