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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 inspections at official inspection  
7 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15 repealed.

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 than~~  
18 ~~500,000." ]~~

19       SECTION 4. The department of transportation shall submit a  
20 report on the effects of repealing section 286-85, Hawaii  
21 Revised Statutes, to determine if this repeal should be made



1 permanent, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to  
2 the convening of the regular session of 2025.

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

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  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

8 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2040;  
9 provided that section 3 shall take effect on January 1, 2022,  
10 and shall be repealed on July 31, 2025, and section 286-85,  
11 Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall be reenacted in the form in which  
12 it read on December 31, 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. Repeals the requirement for reconstructed vehicles to obtain a special inspection and certification on 1/1/2022 and reenacts the requirement on 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. Effective 7/1/2040. (HD2)

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