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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, IN CONJUNCTION WITH
THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU, TO DEVELOP A STRATEGY TO
IMPLEMENT A BACK TAX WAIVER PROGRAM IN THE CITY AND COUNTY
OF HONOLULU.

1 WHEREAS, the problem of motor vehicles abandoned on
2 Hawaii's roads and highways has become an epidemic; and
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4 WHEREAS, of the 1,267,136 registered motor vehicles in the
5 State in 2018, approximately sixty-three percent were registered
6 in the City and County of Honolulu; and
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8 WHEREAS, traffic congestion in Honolulu consistently ranks
9 as among the worst in the nation and is made worse by the
10 presence of abandoned motor vehicles on the State's highways;
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13 WHEREAS, the high cost of motor vehicle registration taxes
14 and fees is a primary contributor to the abandonment of motor
15 vehicles in the State; and
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17 WHEREAS, a back tax waiver program to waive unpaid or
18 partially unpaid motor vehicle registration taxes and fees would
19 help to reduce the rate of motor vehicle abandonment and
20 unregistered motor vehicle use in the State; now, therefore,
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22 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
23 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021, the
24 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
25 Transportation, in conjunction with the City and County of
26 Honolulu, is requested to develop a strategy to implement in the
27 City and County of Honolulu a back tax waiver program to waive
28 unpaid or partially unpaid motor vehicle registration taxes and
29 fees that are six or more months past due; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
2 Transportation is requested to submit a report of its findings
3 and recommendations, including any recommended legislation, to
4 the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening
5 of the Regular Session of 2022; and

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
8 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of
9 Transportation and Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu.

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12 OFFERED BY:

Kurt Favele

