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## SENATE 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,  
24 that the Department of Transportation, in conjunction with the  
25 City and County of Honolulu, is requested to develop a strategy  
26 to implement in the City and County of Honolulu a back tax  
27 waiver program to waive unpaid or partially unpaid motor vehicle  
28 registration taxes and fees that are six or more months past  
29 due; and  
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of  
32 Transportation is requested to submit a report of its findings  
33 and recommendations, including any recommended legislation, to



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1 the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening  
2 of the Regular Session of 2022; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
5 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation and  
6 Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu.

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OFFERED BY: Kurt Favelle

