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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE COUNTIES TO DEVELOP AN OPTION THAT ALLOWS STATE  
RESIDENTS TO REMIT THEIR MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION TAXES  
AND FEES ON A PRO-RATED SEMIANNUAL BASIS.

1 WHEREAS, the high costs of housing, food, health care,  
2 transportation, and other goods and services in the State are  
3 felt by Hawaii residents statewide, but particularly by low-  
4 income individuals; and

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6 WHEREAS, household spending on transportation represents a  
7 primary expense for households in the State and the rest of the  
8 nation; and

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10 WHEREAS, according to the United States Department of  
11 Transportation, households spent an average of \$9,826 on  
12 transportation in 2020, the second largest household expenditure  
13 category after housing when spending on behalf of households,  
14 such as health care benefits, is excluded; and

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16 WHEREAS, all motor vehicles in the State, including motor  
17 vehicle ownership transfers, are subject to registration taxes  
18 and fees; and

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20 WHEREAS, low-income individuals may not be able to pay the  
21 taxes and fees associated with motor vehicle registration in  
22 lump sum or may experience financial hardship in doing so; and

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24 WHEREAS, motor vehicles are necessary for travel to and  
25 from work and to carry out other daily activities even if the  
26 owner of the motor vehicle is unable to afford the motor vehicle  
27 registration taxes and fees; and

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29 WHEREAS, if an individual is unable to pay for the taxes  
30 and fees associated with motor vehicle registration and incurs a



1 penalty for late registration of the motor vehicle, the cycle of  
2 financial hardship on the individual continues and the fiscal  
3 responsibilities increase as delinquent fees and other costs  
4 continue to mount; and  
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6 WHEREAS, while a statewide moratorium was established  
7 during the height of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 pandemic on  
8 evictions for nonpayment of rent, no moratorium was established  
9 for nonpayment of motor vehicle registration taxes and fees; and  
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11 WHEREAS, a possible solution to alleviate the financial  
12 hardships experienced by low-income individuals and other  
13 qualified individuals is to allow these individuals to pay their  
14 motor vehicle registration taxes and fees on a pro-rated  
15 biannual basis; now, therefore,  
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17 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
18 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
19 of 2022, the Senate concurring, that the counties are urged to  
20 develop an option that allows state residents to remit their  
21 motor vehicle registration taxes and fees on a pro-rated  
22 semiannual basis; and  
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
25 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Mayors and Council  
26 Chairpersons of the City and County of Honolulu and the counties  
27 of Hawaii, Kauai, and Maui; Director of the Department of  
28 Customer Services of the City and County of Honolulu;  
29 Administrator of the Vehicle Registration and Licensing Division  
30 of the County of Hawaii; Administrator of the Driver License  
31 Division and Motor Vehicle Division of the County of Kauai; and  
32 Administrator of the Motor Vehicle and Licensing Division of the  
33 County of Maui.

