## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES.

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

- SECTION 1. The legislature finds that according to the
  American Automobile Association, the average price for regular
- 3 gasoline in Hawaii increased from \$4.334 in December 2021 to
- 4 \$5.030 in December 2022. The legislature also finds that motor
- 5 vehicle manufacturers have begun charging subscription fees for
- 6 consumers to use certain features in their vehicles, including
- 7 remote locking, remote ignition, and automatic high-beam
- $oldsymbol{8}$  headlights. The legislature recognizes that these and various
- ${f 9}$  other factors are contributing to the increase in transportation
- 10 costs for residents. The legislature notes that it is the
- 11 State's desire to lower these transportation costs in the State.
- 12 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to prohibit motor
- 13 vehicle manufacturers from charging subscription fees for the
- 14 use of services that employ equipment already installed in a
- 15 motor vehicle at the time of sale.

| 1  | SECTION 2. Chapter 437, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is                     |
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| 2  | amended by adding a new section to part I to be appropriately           |
| 3  | designated and to read as follows:                                      |
| 4  | " <u>§437-</u> <u>Manufacturer subscriptions; prohibited.</u> <u>No</u> |
| 5  | manufacturer shall charge to any consumer in the State a                |
| 6  | subscription fee for the use of any service that employs                |
| 7  | equipment already installed in the applicable motor vehicle at          |
| 8  | the time of sale as a new motor vehicle."                               |
| 9  | SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that              |
| 10 | matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were        |
| 11 | begun before its effective date.  |
| 12 | SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.                       |
| 13 | SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.                |
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# S.B. NO. 382

### Report Title:

Motor Vehicles; Manufacturers; Subscriptions; Prohibition

### Description:

Prohibits motor vehicle manufacturers from charging subscription fees for services that employ equipment already installed in the motor vehicle at the time of sale as a new motor vehicle.

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