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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT TO ESTABLISH, IN
COLLABORATION WITH THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU, FAIR
POLICIES AND PROCESSES FOR TOWING AND DISPOSING OF VEHICLES
THAT BELONG TO ACTIVE DUTY SERVICEMEMBERS AND THAT ARE
ABANDONED ON STATE OR CITY PROPERTY.

1 WHEREAS, some active duty servicemembers who deploy for
2 extended periods leave their personal vehicles parked on
3 streets, in parking lots, or on other State or city property;
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6 WHEREAS, the abandoned vehicles can create safety concerns
7 and parking problems and may become a nuisance for other
8 residents; and

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10 WHEREAS, the towing and disposal processes for a
11 servicemember's abandoned vehicle must comply with the federal
12 Servicemember Civil Relief Act; and

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14 WHEREAS, it is important for the State and county to
15 balance the servicemember's rights with the rights of other
16 residents who may be inconvenienced by the abandoned vehicle;
17 now, therefore,

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19 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
20 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025,
21 that the Department of Law Enforcement is requested to
22 establish, in collaboration with the City and County of
23 Honolulu, fair policies and processes for towing and disposing
24 of vehicles that belong to active duty servicemembers and that
25 are abandoned on State or city property; and

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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the policies and processes
28 should provide adequate notice to a deployed servicemember if
29 the member's vehicle has been towed and should otherwise comply
30 with the federal Servicemember Civil Relief Act; and

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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
33 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Law Enforcement,



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1 Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, and Chair of the
2 Honolulu City Council.
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