THE SENATE
THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, 2025
STATE OF HAWAII

S.B. NO. 845

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 286, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

"**§286- Special interest vehicles; former military vehicles.** (a) Any person who is the owner of a former military vehicle may apply for registration with the director of finance of the county in which the former military vehicle is located.

(b) A former military vehicle may be used as other vehicles of the same type, including to transport the owner's property where the transportation is in furtherance of the owner's primary business. A former military vehicle may also be used to transport passengers without charge where the transportation is in furtherance of the owner's primary business; provided that transportation is directly to and from the owner's place of business.

(c) A former military vehicle shall not:

(1) Be used for the transportation of persons for hire or the transportation of property, as those terms are defined in section 271-4; or

(2) Carry material weighing more than five hundred pounds, not including the weight of:

(A) A mounted camper, lid, or cap;

(B) A trailer or load drawn by the former military vehicle; or

(C) Any persons riding within the driver's compartment.

(d) As used in this section, "former military vehicle" means any of the following vehicles, if the vehicle is at least twenty-five years old:

(1) A high-mobility, all-terrain, four-wheel or six-wheel drive vehicle originally manufactured for military use and commonly known by the trade name "Pinzgauer";

(2) A vehicle commonly known as a "Kaiser Jeep M715";

(3) A high-mobility, multipurpose wheeled vehicle originally manufactured for military use and commonly known as a "Humvee"; or

(4) A six-wheel drive utility vehicle originally manufactured for military use, commonly known as a "DUKW" or "Duck"."

SECTION 2. Section 286-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending the definition of "special interest vehicle" to read as follows:

""Special interest vehicle" means a vehicle of any age that, because of its significance, is being collected, preserved, restored, or maintained by a collector. The term includes a street rod vehicle and a street rod replica vehicle, as those terms are defined in section 286-26.5; a vehicle manufactured before 1968; [~~and~~] a vehicle manufactured after 1967 to resemble a vehicle manufactured before 1968[~~.~~]; and a former military vehicle, as defined in section 286- ."

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2026.

INTRODUCED BY: _____

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Report Title:
Vehicle Registration; Special Interest Vehicles; Former Military Vehicles

Description:
Classifies certain former military vehicles as special interest vehicles. Enables owners of former military vehicles to apply for registration. Effective 1/1/2026.

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