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The Honorable Darius K. Kila, Chair
The Honorable Tyson K. Miyake, Vice Chair
and Members of the House Committee on Transportation
State Capitol, Conference Room 430
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Kila, Vice Chair Miyake, and Members of the House Committee on Transportation:

SUBJECT: H.B. No. 1680 - Relating To Vehicle Transfers
HEARING: Thursday, February 12, 2026, 8:30 a.m.

The City and County of Honolulu, Department of Customer Services (CSD) respectfully **opposes** this bill and offers comments for your committee's consideration. Pursuant to Section 6-402 of the Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu, CSD Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) administers the motor vehicle registration program for the island of O'ahu. While CSD appreciates the intent of the proposed legislation, we have concerns regarding its application and legal implications.

CSD is sensitive to some transferors having persistent liability on vehicles for which title and possession have been transferred, specifically where the transferee fails to endorse and submit the vehicle's title to CSD DMV within a specified period of time.

H.B. No. 1680 would require each county Director of Finance to "immediately" notify all applicable state and local agencies of every vehicle transfer and to establish an automatic and instantaneous centralized notification system by July 1, 2027. In practice, this requirement raises multiple issues which cause us to oppose this legislation.

First, the bill assumes the existence of a single, uniform, and compatible system across all counties and agencies. Currently, county motor vehicle systems are not fully integrated with all state and local enforcement, judicial and administrative systems. Developing a centralized, real-time notification platform capable of interfacing with multiple counties and independent agencies would require substantial system redesign, data-sharing agreements, cybersecurity safeguards and ongoing technical support.

Second, the requirement for “immediate” notification upon receipt of transfer documentation may create legal risks and administrative issues. Transfer notices are often incomplete, inaccurate, or later determined to be invalid. Automatically transmitting unverified information to multiple agencies could result in enforcement errors, data integrity issues and increased disputes, ultimately undermining the very protections the bill seeks to provide.

Third, the bill shifts responsibility for enforcement outcomes from transferees to county agencies without addressing the underlying compliance issues. Existing law already places affirmative obligations on transferees to complete the transfer process. CSD believes that improved enforcement of existing requirements, including clearer public guidance and targeted statutory refinements may better address the problem without imposing broad and costly system upgrades on counties.

Finally, the bill does not identify a funding source to design, build, test, implement, and maintain such a system. The cost of creating an automatic and instantaneous notification system would be significant and would likely divert limited county resources from core customer service and compliance functions. Without dedicated funding, counties would be required to absorb these costs at the expense of other mandated services.

For these reasons, CSD **opposes** H.B. No. 1680 as drafted. CSD remains willing to work with the Legislature and stakeholders to explore alternative solutions that protect transferors while remaining operationally feasible and fiscally responsible for the counties.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on H.B. No. 1680.

Sincerely,

for Kimberly M. Hashiro
Director

HB-1680

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Testimony for TRN on 2/12/2026 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
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Comments:

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