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Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs

Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
Senator Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair
Committee on Transportation

Dear Chairs Nishihara and Inouye, Vice Chairs Wakai and Harimoto, and Committee Members:

RE: SCR 192/SR 155 Relating to Removing Abandoned Vehicles

Our constituents are the same as yours, so we are well aware of their frustrations, and we regret that legislation passed last session has not improved the towing schedule of abandoned vehicles. However, there are reasons why.

An abandoned vehicle has to be unmoved for 24 hours before being cited by the police. The day that the police deem the vehicle "abandoned" is after they cite the vehicle, not the day the vehicle is left on the side of the road. Hence, the change requiring removal within ten days of abandonment cannot mean ten days after it was left on the road.

We generally tow within 72 hours of getting notification from the police that a vehicle is officially abandoned.

Please be assured that our constituents provide all the incentive we need to act as quickly as legally allowed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Harry Kim
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