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Mark M. Nakashima, Chair, and
Members of the House Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs

Chair Nakashima and Committee Members,

The County of Hawai'i Department of Environmental Management **supports HB 1414, HD1**, which provides for increased penalties for repeat offenders of abandoned vehicles. To encourage compliance, the cost of polluting the 'āina by abandoning a vehicle must be much higher than the cost of proper and responsible disposal.

Abandoned vehicles are a challenge in all counties and I appreciate this effort to provide clarity for the ultimate goal of a clean, safe, and healthy island environment.

Sincerely,

Ramzi Mansour
Director