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County officials remind public to comply with out-of-state vehicle permits

LīHU’E – The County of Kaua’i is reminding the public of the requirements for out-of-state vehicles to operate on Kaua’i.

“We are seeing an abundance of out-of-state vehicles on our roads, including rental cars, that are operating without the required blue out-of-state vehicle permit and safety check stickers,” said Reiko Matsuyama, finance director. “It’s important to ensure that the vehicle you are driving is compliant to state law, or you risk being ticketed and fined.”

To operate a vehicle on Kaua’i that is currently registered in another state, the owner of the vehicle must comply with the following conditions:

- Obtain a Hawai’i Motor Vehicle Insurance Identification card through your insurance carrier;
- Obtain a State of Hawai’i safety inspection certificate by taking your vehicle, along with your Hawai’i Motor Vehicle Insurance card and your out-of-state registration, to an official safety inspection station;
- Obtain an out-of-state vehicle permit from the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) within 30 days of the vehicle’s arrival on island.

An out-of-state vehicle permit allows a vehicle to be operated within Kaua’i county until the out-of-state registration expires or for a maximum of one year from the date of arrival.
State law defines the requirements for out-of-state vehicle permits under HRS 286-54. Any person in violation, if convicted, could face fines up to $1,000.

For more information about obtaining an out-of-state vehicle permit, please visit the DMV website, www.kauai.gov/DMV, and click on “Out of State Transfers” under the Vehicle Services category.

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