

MINUTES

FINANCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

December 1, 2021

A meeting of the Finance & Economic Development Committee of the Council of the County of Kaua'i, State of Hawai'i, was called to order by Luke A. Evslin, Chair, at the Council Chambers, 4396 Rice Street, Suite 201, Līhu'e, Kaua'i, on Wednesday, December 1, 2021, at 2:39 p.m., after which the following Members answered the call of the roll:

Honorable Mason K. Chock
Honorable Felicia Cowden
Honorable Bill DeCosta
Honorable KipuKai Kualī'i
Honorable Luke A. Evslin
Honorable Bernard P. Carvalho, Jr., Ex-Officio Member
Honorable Arryl Kaneshiro, Ex-Officio Member

Pursuant to Governor David Y. Ige's COVID-19 Emergency Proclamation dated November 29, 2021, public testimony was taken at the beginning of the day and as follows:

TIFFANY YAJIMA (*via remote technology*): Good morning, Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee, and the Council. I am Tiffany Yajima testifying on behalf of Enterprise Holdings on Bill No. 2828.

Enterprise Rent-A-Car continues to strongly oppose this measure based on Federal and local constitutional questions as outlined in our written testimony. We thank you for allowing us to share our concerns about this Bill with the Council.

The rental car industry would like to be a part of the solution and we are continuing to have discussions with the Administration, Councilmembers, and other stakeholders. We would appreciate the opportunity to continue to have those discussions occur. Therefore, we would ask that this measure be deferred. Thank you so much for your time.

The Committee proceeded on its agenda item, as follows:

Bill No. 2828 A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 5A, KAUAI COUNTY CODE 1987, AS AMENDED, ESTABLISHING A COMMERCIAL VEHICULAR RENTAL REAL PROPERTY TAX CLASS **(This item was Deferred.)**

Councilmember Kualī'i moved to approve Bill No. 2828, seconded by Councilmember Chock.

Committee Chair Evslin: We received written testimony on this item, and we had one (1) registered speaker that provided testimony this morning. This is the rental car operations Real Property Tax Class Bill that we deferred at the last meeting to provide time for the Administration to look into concerns that were raised in submitted testimony. There are a few loose ends to tie up. I am hoping that we can defer this item until the next meeting, so that we can set up the necessary postings to discuss this in open session and possibly discuss with the County Attorney legal ramifications of the Bill in Executive Session. With that, are there any questions?

(Written testimony was received and one (1) registered speaker testified regarding this agenda item.)

Councilmember Cowden moved to defer Bill No. 2828, seconded by Councilmember Chock, and carried by the following vote:

FOR DEFERRAL:	Chock, Cowden, DeCosta, Kuali'i, Evslin	TOTAL – 5,
AGAINST DEFERRAL:	None	TOTAL – 0,
EXCUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0,
RECUSED & NOT VOTING:	None	TOTAL – 0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Council Services Assistant I

APPROVED at the Committee Meeting held on December 15, 2021:

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LUKE A. EVSLIN
Chair, FED Committee