

How to fill out CS-L(MVR)38B — Seller Power of Attorney

Hawaii · written against CS-L(MVR)38B (04/2026), issued under City and County of Honolulu Department of Customer Services, Division of Motor Vehicles, sworn before a notary and appointing an attorney-in-fact to act before the Director of Customer Services

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One page that lets somebody else sign a Hawaii transfer in your place, and the only document in the seller's set that Honolulu itself calls for by name outside the ordinary sale: a second buyer recording a double transfer needs a notarized bill of sale or seller power of attorney from the person who never titled the car. Its powers are drawn wide - to sign any application for original registration, certificate of title, duplicates or other certificates issued by the Director of Customer Services, City and County of Honolulu - and it ends with full power of substitution. The one thing it does not delegate is the mileage. The owner writes the odometer reading on the form itself, and the attorney-in-fact is appointed to sign the disclosure exactly as stated in that disclosure.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank CS-L(MVR)38B from the City and County of Honolulu Division of Motor Vehicle, Licensing and Permits at <https://www4.honolulu.gov/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-326071/hi-mvr38b.pdf> — always take the current revision from the agency rather than a copy. Print this and keep it beside you while you complete theirs.

Every line, in the order you meet it

1	YOU	That I (we) - the owner granting the power	Every registered owner named on the certificate goes on this line. A jointly owned car needs both, or the agent can only sign for one. Watch out: Write the names as the certificate prints them. A power of attorney granted by a name the county does not hold is a power of attorney from a stranger.
2	YOU	who reside at	Address, city, state and zip on one line, with the four sub-labels printed underneath. Watch out: Use the address the county has on record if you can. Where the two differ, expect the counter to ask which is right.
3	YOU	Make, type and model year	The vehicle this power applies to. It is specific to one car - there is no general version of this form. Watch out: Type is the county's body-style code from the registration, not the model name. This form is read alongside the certificate.
4	YOU	Plate number and VIN	The identifying pair. The VIN is what makes the appointment unambiguous if the plate changes before the sale completes. Watch out: Copy both from the registration certificate and check the VIN against the car. A power of attorney for the wrong VIN authorises nothing.
5	YOU	The person you appoint	The attorney-in-fact, described on the form as of Honolulu aforesaid. This is the person who will sign the transfer in your place. Watch out: Pick someone who can physically get to a satellite city hall. The whole value of the document is that they can attend when you cannot.
6	YOU	The odometer reading	Whole miles, no tenths, written by you. The appointment that follows binds the agent to disclose exactly this. Watch out: Never leave it blank on the theory that the agent will know it on the day. A blank reading turns a safeguard into a signed licence to write any number.
7	YOU	The two exception boxes	Mileage in excess of the odometer's mechanical limits, or a reading that is not the actual mileage - the same two declarations as everywhere else in Hawaii. Watch out: Both stay empty on an honest odometer. The form spells the second warning out in capitals precisely because ticking it is not a small thing.
8	OTHER	The notary certification panel	A blank block at the foot of the page, headed NOTARY CERTIFICATION. The notary completes it, not you. Watch out: Sign in front of the notary, not before. A signature already on the page when you arrive is the commonest reason a notary declines to certify it.

What gets this one rejected

- Handing it over unnotarised. The panel at the foot is not decoration - a notary certification block on a power of attorney is what makes it usable at a counter.
- Leaving the odometer blank so the agent can fill it in later. The form's own wording appoints the attorney to sign the mileage disclosure exactly as stated in the owner's disclosure, which means the owner has to have made one.
- Using it as the sale document. It appoints a signer; the transfer still runs on the endorsed certificate of title, and the buyer still applies in Section D.
- Appointing the buyer to sign for you on a straightforward sale. The county's strong preference is that buyer and seller attend together, and a single appointment at any satellite city hall covers a joint transaction.
- Confusing it with the buyer's version. CS-L(MVR)38A is the near-identical sheet for a purchaser, and its odometer paragraph works the opposite way round.

Amber is what you write Grey is a block somebody else completes The completed example follows overleaf.



CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
DEPARTMENT OF CUSTOMER SERVICES • DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES
 P.O. Box 30330, Honolulu, HI 96820-0330



SELLER

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

1 That I (we) Malia K. Nakagawa

the undersigned, who reside at 2914 Kili Hau Place, Honolulu, HI 96819
 ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP CODE

being the seller(s) of the following described vehicle:

3 Make Honda Type 4DSD Model Year 2014

4 License Plate Number KHM 274 Vehicle Identification Number 2HGRM4H57EH715204

do hereby make, constitute and appoint Reid M. Nakagawa
 of Honolulu aforesaid my (our) true and lawful attorney to sign to me (us) in my (our) name, place and stead, any application for original registration, certificate of title, duplicates or other certificates issued by the Director of Customer Services, City and County of Honolulu, as purchaser(s) for the motor vehicle described above.

I (we) understand that federal and state law requires that I (we) state the mileage upon transfer of ownership. Providing a false statement may result in fines and/or imprisonment. I appoint my attorney-in-fact to sign the mileage disclosure, on the title for the vehicle described above, exactly as stated in my (our) following disclosure.

6 I state that the odometer now reads 78,412 (no tenths) miles and to the best of my knowledge that it reflects the actual mileage unless one of the following statements is checked:

- 7 ☐ (1) I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge, the odometer reading reflects the mileage in excess of its mechanical
☐ (2) I hereby certify that the odometer is NOT the actual mileage. **WARNING: ODOMETER DISCREPANCY.**

Granting and giving unto my (our) said attorney full power and authority to do and perform any and all other acts necessary or incident to the execution of the powers herein expressly granted, with power to do and perform all acts authorized thereby, as fully to all intents and purposes as I (we) might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution.

NOTARY CERTIFICATION:

Document Date: _____ Number of Pages: _____

Document Description: _____

Notary Printed Name _____ Circuit _____

Notary Signature _____ Date _____

(Stamp or Seal)

Subscribed and sworn before me this _____ day
 of _____, 20 _____

Notary Public

State of Hawaii, _____ Judicial Circuit

My commission expires: _____

(Stamp or Seal)

Signed this _____

day of _____, 20 _____

Signature of Seller

Printed Name of Seller

Signature of Seller

Printed Name of Seller

Address

City State Zip Code