## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Section 291D-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 2 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

3 "(b) The form for the notice of traffic infraction shall

4 be prescribed by rules of the district court which shall be

5 uniform throughout the State. Except in the case of traffic

6 infractions involving parking, the notice shall include the

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(1) A statement of the specific traffic infraction, including a brief statement of facts, for which the notice was issued;

(2) A statement of the total amount to be paid for each traffic infraction, which amount shall include any fee, surcharge, or cost required by statute, ordinance or rule, and any monetary assessment, established for the particular traffic infraction pursuant to section 291D-9, to be paid by the driver, which shall be

uniform throughout the State;

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- (3) A statement of the options provided in section 291D-6(b) for answering the notice and the procedures necessary to exercise the options;
  - (4) A statement that the person to whom the notice is issued must answer, choosing one of the options specified in section 291D-6(b), within twenty-one days;
- A statement that failure to answer the notice of 8 (5) traffic infraction within twenty-one days shall result 9 10 in the entry of judgment by default for the State and may result in the assessment of a late penalty, and, 11 12 that if the driver fails to pay the total amount 13 specified in the default judgment within an additional thirty days or otherwise take action to set aside the 14 15 default, notice shall be sent to the director of 16 finance of the appropriate county that the person to 17 whom the notice was issued shall not be permitted to renew or obtain a driver's license or, where the 18 19 notice was issued to a motor vehicle, the registered 20 owner shall not be permitted to register, renew the 21 registration of, or transfer title to the motor

1		vehicle until the traffic infraction is finally
2		disposed of pursuant to this chapter;
3	(6)	A statement that, at a hearing requested to contest
4		the notice of traffic infraction conducted pursuant to
5		section 291D-8 or in consideration of a written
6		statement contesting the notice of traffic infraction,
7		no officer shall be present unless the driver timely
8		requests the court to have the officer present. The
9		standard of proof to be applied by the court is
10		whether a preponderance of the evidence proves that
11		the specified traffic infraction was committed;
12	(7)	A statement that, at a hearing requested for the
13		purpose of explaining mitigating circumstances
14		surrounding the commission of the infraction or in
15		consideration of a written request for mitigation, the
16		person shall be considered to have committed the
17		traffic infraction;
18	(8)	A space in which the driver's [signature,] current
19		address[7] and driver's license number may be affixed;
20		and

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1	(9) The date, time, and place at which the driver must
2	appear in court, if the driver is required by the
3	notice to go to hearing."
4	SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
5	and stricken.
6	SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
7	INTRODUCED BY: August.
	INTRODUCED BY: Maif B. Lee

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## Report Title:

Notice of Traffic Infractions; Driver's Signature

## Description:

Repeals the provision specifying that the notice of traffic infraction include space for the driver's signature.