
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PROPERTY DAMAGE.

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

1 SECTION 1. There is established in the city and county of
2 Honolulu a two-year pilot project to develop and evaluate a
3 program for the acquisition, placement, operation, and
4 maintenance of video surveillance cameras for the purpose of
5 deterring property damage offenses, especially graffiti, and
6 prosecuting offenders.

7 (a) The project shall evaluate and acquire video
8 surveillance systems using criteria including but not limited
9 to:

10 (1) Quality of the image captured, including:

11 (A) Digital or analog technology;

12 (B) Lines of resolution;

13 (C) Color or black and white;

14 (D) Night vision capability; and

15 (E) Video or still photography;

16 (2) Camera controls, including:

17 (A) Tilt, pan, and zoom capacity;



- 1 (B) Remote operation by wireless, computer, or
2 internet-based system, and associated software;
3 and
4 (C) Automatic operation by motion, sound, or light
5 detection;
- 6 (3) On-site audible or flashing light alarm systems
7 triggered by offender activity and remote notification
8 to police that activity has been captured by page,
9 electronic mail, or telephone;
- 10 (4) Media on which images shall be recorded and stored,
11 whether at the surveillance site or other remote
12 location;
- 13 (5) Portability or ability to relocate the system to
14 target high-offense activity areas, including self-
15 contained power and wireless data transfer;
- 16 (6) Availability of manufacturer or vendor support,
17 including warranties;
- 18 (7) Previous use for evidence gathering purposes; and
19 (8) Cost of acquisition.
- 20 (b) The project shall place the acquired systems in
21 locations known or likely to be the target of property damage



1 offenders, especially those who "tag" property with graffiti, as
2 defined by section 46-1.5(24)(C).

3 (c) The project shall establish and evaluate procedures
4 for operation of the systems including but not limited to:

5 (1) Whether the system will be operated by police or
6 civilian personnel; and

7 (2) How images will be retrieved and preserved to fulfill
8 any chain of custody requirements for admission as
9 evidence in court proceedings.

10 (d) The project shall establish and evaluate procedures
11 for maintenance of the systems including but not limited to:

12 (1) Whether maintenance will be performed by the police,
13 the vendor, or other third party;

14 (2) Whether systems will be removed for evaluation and
15 preventive maintenance or replaced only upon
16 malfunction; and

17 (3) Whether additional, standby equipment will be used to
18 replace systems undergoing maintenance to preserve
19 surveillance capacity at the chosen location.

20 (e) Where sufficient evidence is obtained by use of the
21 surveillance system to establish the commission of an offense



1 and the identity of the offender, the project shall recommend
2 prosecution of the offender.

3 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
5 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 and the
6 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
7 2008-2009 to establish a pilot project to deter property damage
8 offenses, especially graffiti, and to prosecute offenders.

9 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the city and
10 county of Honolulu for the purposes of this Act.

11 SECTION 3. The city and county of Honolulu shall submit to
12 the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening
13 of the regular sessions of 2008 and 2009, a report on the
14 progress of the pilot project, including any recommendations for
15 legislation and the amounts and means of funding.

16 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2112, and
17 shall be repealed on June 30, 2009.



Report Title:

Surveillance Cameras; Graffiti

Description:

Establishes a pilot project in the city and county of Honolulu to develop and evaluate a program for the acquisition, placement, operation, and maintenance of video surveillance cameras for the purpose of deterring property damage offenses, especially graffiti, and prosecuting offenders. Appropriates funds. (HB1618 HD1)

