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## 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 department of  
2 transportation a two year pilot project to develop and evaluate  
3 a program for the acquisition, placement, operation, and  
4 maintenance of video surveillance cameras for the purpose of  
5 deterring graffiti on state highway signs and of prosecuting  
6 offenders.

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

10           (1) Quality of the image captured, including digital or  
11 analog technology, lines of resolution, color or black  
12 and white, night vision capability, and video or still  
13 photography;

14           (2) Camera controls, including tilt, pan, and zoom  
15 capacity, remote operation by wireless, computer, or  
16 internet based system, and associated software, and  
17 automatic operation by motion, sound, or light  
18 detection;



- 1           (3) On site audible or flashing light alarm systems
- 2                    triggered by offender activity and remote notification
- 3                    to police that activity has been captured by page,
- 4                    electronic mail, or telephone;
- 5           (4) Media on which images shall be recorded and stored,
- 6                    whether at the surveillance site or other, remote
- 7                    location;
- 8           (5) Portability or ability to relocate the system to
- 9                    target high offense activity areas, including self-
- 10                    contained power and wireless data transfer;
- 11           (6) Availability of manufacturer or vendor support,
- 12                    including warranties;
- 13           (7) Previous use for evidence gathering purposes; and
- 14           (8) Cost of acquisition.
- 15           (b) The project shall place the systems acquired in
- 16           locations with highway signs known or likely to be the target of
- 17           offenders who "tag" property with graffiti, as defined by
- 18           section 46-1.5(24) (C).
- 19           (c) The project shall establish and evaluate procedures
- 20           for operation of the systems, including but not limited to the
- 21           following:



1 (1) Whether the system will be operated by law enforcement  
2 or civilian personnel; and

3 (2) How images will be retrieved and preserved in order to  
4 fulfill any chain of custody requirements for  
5 admission as evidence in court proceedings.

6 (d) The project shall establish and evaluate procedures  
7 for maintenance of the systems, including but not limited to the  
8 following:

9 (1) Whether maintenance will be performed by the  
10 department of transportation, the vendor, or other  
11 third party;

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

15 (3) Whether additional, stand-by equipment will be used to  
16 replace systems undergoing maintenance in order to  
17 preserve surveillance capacity at the chosen location.

18 (e) If sufficient evidence is obtained by use of the  
19 surveillance system to establish the commission of an offense  
20 and the identity of the offender, the project shall recommend  
21 prosecution of the offender.





**Report Title:**

Surveillance Cameras; Graffiti

**Description:**

Establishes a pilot project in the department of transportation to develop and evaluate a program for the acquisition, placement, operation, and maintenance of video surveillance cameras for the purpose of deterring graffiti on state highway signs and of prosecuting offenders. Appropriates funds.

