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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by 2 adding a new chapter to be appropriately designated and to read 3 as follows: 4 "CHAPTER 5 TRANSMITTAL OF UNCONTESTED TRAFFIC FINES 6 AND FORFEITURES TO COUNTIES 7 **Definitions.** For purposes of this chapter, -1 8 unless the context clearly requires otherwise: 9 "Traffic infraction" means the same as defined 10 under section 291D-2. 11 "Uncontested traffic infraction" means a traffic 12 infraction for which the person noticed under section 291D-5 13 does not contest the infraction. A person "does not contest" an infraction if, in accordance with section 291D-6(b)(1), the 14 person admits the commission of the infraction without 15 16 requesting a hearing to explain mitigating circumstances and 17 pays or remits bail forfeiture by mail within thirty days.

1 Transmittal of fines and forfeitures. (a) The 2 state director of finance shall transmit to each county, not 3 later than thirty days after the end of each fiscal quarter, per cent of all the fines and forfeitures collected for 4 5 uncontested traffic infractions committed in that county that 6 are in excess of amounts required by the State to pay the 7 administrative costs of the traffic violations bureau. 8 Subsection (a) shall not apply to: (b) 9 Fines and forfeitures for violations that occur on (1)10 state off-street parking facilities, parks, airports, 11 and harbors that are subject to enforcement by the 12 State; and 13 Fines and forfeitures that are required by law to be (2) 14 paid into a special, revolving, or trust fund. No county shall be entitled to any portion of the fines and 15 forfeitures described in this subsection." 16 17 SECTION 2. Section 291C-171, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows: **18** 19 All fines and forfeitures collected upon conviction **20** or upon the forfeiture of bail of any person charged with a

violation of any section or provision of the state traffic laws

and all assessments collected relating to the commission of

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- 1 traffic infractions shall be paid to the director of finance of
- 2 the State.
- 3 The judiciary shall identify those uncontested traffic
- 4 infractions as defined in section -1. The disposition of
- 5 fines and forfeitures paid to the state director of finance
- 6 shall be subject to section -2."
- 7 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.
- 8 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on, July 1, 2008.

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INTRODUCED BY:

## Report Title:

Traffic Fines and Forfeitures; HSAC Package

### Description:

Transfers a percentage of uncontested traffic fines and forfeitures to the county in which the violation occurred.