A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE STATEWIDE TRAFFIC CODE.

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

- 1 Section 291C-171, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is SECTION 1. 2 amended to read as follows: 3 "\$291C-171 Disposition of fines and forfeitures. (a) All 4 fines and forfeitures collected upon conviction or upon the 5 forfeiture of bail of any person charged with a violation of any 6 section or provision of the state traffic laws and all 7 assessments collected relating to the commission of traffic 8 infractions shall be paid to the director of finance of the 9 State. 10 (b) The court may provide incentives for payment of any 11 monetary assessment imposed for a traffic infraction prior to 12 the date set in the citation or judgment. The incentives shall 13 be in the form of reduced fines and shall be established 14 pursuant to rules approved by the supreme court; provided that 15 the amount of the reductions shall be based upon a graduated 16 scale by which the fine is decreased in proportion to the amount 17 of time remaining before the date set in the citation or
- 18 judgment.

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- 1 [\(\frac{\frac{1}{b}}{c}\)] (c) In addition to any monetary assessment imposed
- 2 for a traffic infraction, the court may impose penalties on all
- 3 outstanding traffic citations and judgments. The penalties
- 4 shall be established pursuant to rules approved by the supreme
- 5 court; provided that the amounts of the penalties shall be based
- 6 upon a graduated scale that increases in proportion to the
- 7 length of the delinquency. Any interest penalty imposed as
- 8 provided in this section may be waived by the court for good
- 9 cause. All penalties collected for such outstanding citations
- 10 and judgments shall be paid to the director of finance of the
- 11 State."
- 12 SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
- 13 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
- 14 begun before its effective date.
- 15 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.
- 16 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Statewide Traffic Code; Fines; Early Payment Incentives

Description:

Authorizes the court to establish incentives for payment of traffic fines by reducing the fine in proportion to the amount of time remaining before the due date set in the citation or judgment.

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