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Bill No. and Title: Senate Bill No. 990, SD1, Relating to Traffic Infractions.

Purpose: Establishes a traffic fines task force that will examine the Finnish tiered traffic fines system, determine whether a similar system could be implemented in Hawai‘i, and provide recommendations as to how a system could best be implemented. Appropriates funds.

Judiciary’s Position:

The Judiciary takes no position on the intent of the measure. The Judiciary appreciates the opportunity to participate in the task force to determine if a Finnish model could be implemented in Hawaii.

The Judiciary would note that the day-fine system used by Finland based on disposable income would be complex and would require significant modifications to the current traffic system used by the Judiciary.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.