
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTRONIC CITATIONS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that paper citations are
2 plagued by numerous deficiencies, such as untimely delivery of
3 citations from law enforcement agencies to the judiciary, and
4 difficulty in deciphering handwritten notes. In many instances,
5 these deficiencies lead to the dismissal of traffic citations or
6 delays in access to citations by the person who was cited.

7 The legislature further finds that electronic citation
8 technology provides numerous benefits to law enforcement, the
9 judiciary, and the general public. These benefits include:

- 10 (1) Improved efficiency and accuracy in the issuance of
11 citations, which contributes to officer and motorist
12 safety by reducing the time spent on the ticketing
13 process often occurring in precarious roadside
14 locations;
- 15 (2) Easier-to-read citations;
- 16 (3) Improved efficiency and accuracy in citation data
17 entry into law enforcement and the judiciary's record



- 1 management systems, since electronic citations can
2 reduce redundant data entries;
- 3 (4) Elimination of in-person deliveries or mailing of
4 paper citations from police districts to the courts,
5 leading to faster access to citations for violators to
6 pay fines online or in person; and
- 7 (5) Improved traffic safety due to the availability of
8 electronic citation data analyses, such as the types
9 of violations, geolocations, times of issuance, and
10 other related data points.

11 The legislature recognizes that a statewide electronic
12 citation system will streamline processes and that the time
13 savings will allow law enforcement to spend less time on
14 paperwork and data entry and more time on responding to calls
15 and community concerns.

16 The legislature further recognizes that an electronic
17 citation system will assist the judiciary in reducing clerical
18 issues, processing delays, and citation dismissals.

19 The purpose of this Act is to:

- 20 (1) Establish a statewide electronic citation program
21 under the judiciary; and



1 (2) Make appropriations.

2 SECTION 2. Chapter 291C, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
3 amended by adding a new part to be appropriately designated and
4 to read as follows:

5 "PART . STATEWIDE ELECTRONIC CITATION PROGRAM

6 §291C- Definition. As used in this part, "electronic
7 citation" means the process of transmitting traffic,
8 misdemeanor, or other citations and law enforcement data via
9 electronic means to the clerk of the court.

10 §291C- Statewide electronic citation program. (a)

11 There is established within the judiciary a statewide electronic
12 citation program.

13 (b) The judiciary shall adopt procedures to implement this
14 section."

15 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
17 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and
18 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
19 year 2024-2025 for the establishment, implementation, operation,
20 oversight, repair and maintenance of a statewide electronic
21 citation program.



1 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the judiciary
2 for the purposes of this Act.

3 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
5 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and
6 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
7 year 2024-2025 as a grant-in-aid to the city and county of
8 Honolulu for the establishment, implementation, operation,
9 oversight, repair and maintenance of a statewide electronic
10 citation program.

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

13 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general
14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
15 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and
16 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
17 year 2024-2025 as a grant-in-aid to the county of Maui for the
18 establishment, implementation, operation, oversight, repair and
19 maintenance of a statewide electronic citation program.

20 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the county of
21 Maui for the purposes of this Act.



1 SECTION 6. There is appropriated out of the general
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
3 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and
4 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
5 year 2024-2025 as a grant-in-aid to the county of Hawaii for the
6 establishment, implementation, operation, oversight, repair and
7 maintenance of a statewide electronic citation program.

8 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the county of
9 Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

10 SECTION 7. There is appropriated out of the general
11 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
12 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and
13 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
14 year 2024-2025 as a grant-in-aid to the county of Kauai for the
15 establishment, implementation, operation, oversight, repair and
16 maintenance of a statewide electronic citation program.

17 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the county of
18 Kauai for the purposes of this Act.

19 SECTION 8. There is appropriated out of the general
20 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$51,024 or so much
21 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and the



1 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
2 2024-2025 for the establishment of one permanent full time
3 equivalent (1.0 FTE) accountant position.

4 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the judiciary
5 for the purposes of this Act.

6 SECTION 9. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2023;
7 provided that section 2 shall take effect on January 1, 2024.

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Report Title:

Electronic Citation Program; Established; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes statewide electronic citation program under the Judiciary. Appropriates funds.

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