
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
9 agencies, the judiciary, and the general public. These benefits
10 include:

11 (1) Improved efficiency and accuracy in the issuance of
12 citations, which contributes to officer and motorist
13 safety by reducing the time spent on the ticketing
14 process often occurring in precarious roadside
15 locations;

16 (2) Easier-to-read citations;



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

14 The legislature recognizes that a statewide electronic

15 citation system will streamline processes and that the time

16 savings will allow law enforcement officers to spend less time

17 on paperwork and data entry and more time on responding to calls

18 and community concerns.

19 The legislature further recognizes that an electronic

20 citation system will assist the judiciary in reducing clerical

21 issues, processing delays, and citation dismissals.



1 The purpose of this Act is to:

- 2 (1) Establish a statewide electronic citation program
- 3 within the judiciary; and
- 4 (2) Make appropriations.

5 SECTION 2. Chapter 601, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
6 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
7 and to read as follows:

8 "§601- Statewide electronic citation program. (a)
9 There shall be established within the judiciary a statewide
10 electronic citation program.

11 (b) The judiciary shall adopt procedures to implement this
12 section.

13 (c) For the purposes of this section, "electronic
14 citation" means the process of transmitting traffic, petty
15 misdemeanor, misdemeanor, or other citations and law enforcement
16 data via electronic means to the clerk of the court."

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



1 oversight, and maintenance and repair of a statewide electronic
2 citation program.

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

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

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

15 SECTION 5. 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 as a grant-in-aid to the county of Maui for the
20 establishment, implementation, operation, oversight, and



1 maintenance and repair of a statewide electronic citation
2 program.

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

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

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

15 SECTION 7. 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 as a grant-in-aid to the county of Kauai for the
20 establishment, implementation, operation, oversight, and



1 maintenance and repair of a statewide electronic citation
2 program.

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

5 SECTION 8. There is appropriated out of the general
6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
7 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and
8 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
9 year 2024-2025 for the establishment of one permanent full-time
10 equivalent (1.0 FTE) project specialist position.

11 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the judiciary
12 for the purposes of this Act.

13 SECTION 9. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050;
14 provided that section 2 shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Judiciary; Electronic Citation Program; Establishment;
Appropriation

Description:

Establishes a statewide electronic citation program within the
Judiciary. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2050. (HD1)

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