

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1078

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2023  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 1078 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTRONIC CITATIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish a statewide electronic citation program under the Judiciary; and
- (2) Appropriate funds.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Judiciary, Department of Law Enforcement, Department of Transportation, Honolulu Police Department, Hawai'i Police Department, and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that the use of paper citations sometimes gives rise to difficulties, including supervisors, prosecutors, and judiciary personnel having to decipher handwritten notes that are difficult to read, as well as untimely delivery of citations from law enforcement agencies to the Judiciary. These difficulties have the potential to lead to delays in access to citations and to dismissal of traffic citations. Your Committee further finds that the use of an electronic citation system resolves handwriting legibility issues



and eliminates the need to collect and scan paper citations. This measure provides numerous benefits to law enforcement, the Judiciary, and the general public, including the streamlining of processes and increased access to information.

Should your Committee on Ways and Means choose to deliberate on this measure, your committee respectfully requests that it considers inserting an appropriation amount of \$370,000 for the Judiciary's one-time start-up costs. Your Committee also notes that separate funding for the counties may also be needed.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1078 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Judiciary,



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KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-Second Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.  
 If so, then the previous decision was to: \_\_\_\_\_

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312     Pass, with amendments 2311     Hold 2310     Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike (VC)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	✓			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	✓			
AWA, Brenton			✓	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>—</b>

Recommendation:  Adopted     Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:  


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