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**Testimony to the Thirty-Second Legislature  
2023 Regular Session**

**Senate Committee on Judiciary**  
Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair  
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair

Friday, February 3, 2023, 9:30 a.m.  
State Capitol  
Conference Room 016 & Videoconference

by:

Michelle Acosta  
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**Bill No. and Title:** Senate Bill No. 1078, Relating to Electronic Citations.

**Purpose:** The purpose of this Act is to establish a statewide electronic citation program. The bill appropriates funds.

**Judiciary’s Position:**

The Judiciary is in SUPPORT of the intent of this measure, and recognizes the benefits that an electronic citation program offers.

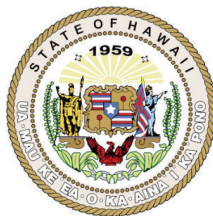
First, we provide background information for the Committee’s awareness. Since 2017, there has been an eCitation pilot project in Honolulu and Maui counties, which has been funded by federal grants from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) via the State Department of Transportation (DOT).

Establishing a way for the court to receive citations electronically reduces the occurrence of errors because driver license and registration are scanned directly into a device used by police officers instead of a paper citation, and the information is populated into the ticket then transmitted to the court. Motorists receive a printed citation that is clear and legible. Motorists

may resolve their citations in person at the courthouse or by using the Judiciary's existing online payment system. Replacing manual paper citation handling with an electronic method improves efficiency of delivery of the citation to the Judiciary. Full integration of electronic citations with the Judiciary Information Management System (JIMS) would further reduce delays in traffic case initiation and a motorist's ability to pay eligible fines/fees online.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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No.

TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 1078  
RELATING TO ELECTRONIC CITATIONS  
Before the Senate Committee on Judiciary  
Friday, February 3, 2023; 9:30 a.m.  
State Capitol Conference Room 430

**WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY**

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and members of the Committee:

The Department of Law Enforcement (DLE) supports Senate Bill 1078.

This bill Establishes statewide electronic citation program under the Judiciary.

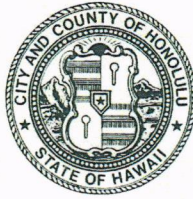
Moving to electronic citations is vital to establishing an economical, efficient, timely, and complete citation system withing law enforcement and the judicial system. DLE envisions the use of electronic citations as integral to the function and mission of the DLE which is planning on developing state-of-the-art information system infrastructure which will include a new state-of-the art computer-aided dispatch system, records management system, officer mobile data systems, body-worn and mobile cameras, geographic information system, vehicle location and mapping systems, analytics, crime analysis and real time crime center applications, and other law enforcement systems and interfaces all of which will comply with all applicable industry standards.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.

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February 3, 2023

The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair  
and Members  
Committee on Judiciary  
State Senate  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street, Room 016  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Rhoads and Members:

SUBJECT: Senate Bill No. 1078, Relating to Electronic Citations

I am Stason Tanaka, Acting Major of the Traffic Division of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD supports Senate Bill No. 1078, Relating to Electronic Citations.

The HPD supports this bill that would establish a statewide electronic citation program (eCitation), as our eCitation pilot program was a success.

The eCitation pilot program resulted in better data tracking for citations as information is updated live. It also allowed for better tracking of citations given around the island, as well as allowing officers to issue citations more efficiently. However, should the bill pass, it is undetermined who will be responsible to fund the program or be the lead coordinator.

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and Members  
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The HPD urges you to support Senate Bill No. 1078, Relating to Electronic Citations.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



Stason Tanaka, Acting Major  
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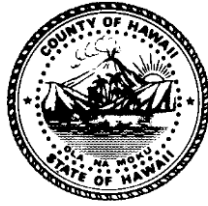
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February 1, 2023

Senator Karl Rhoads  
Chairperson and Committee Members  
Committee on Judiciary  
415 South Beretania Street  
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RE: SENATE BILL 1078, RELATING TO ELECTRONIC CITATIONS  
HEARING DATE: FEBRUARY 3, 2023  
TIME: 09:30 A.M.

Dear Senator Rhoads:


The Hawai'i Police Department **supports** Senate Bill SB1078, with its purpose to fund an electronic citation system for law enforcement, the judiciary and the general public.

We agree that using this technology will help improve the efficiency and accuracy in issuing citations. An efficient system will reduce the amount of time an officer spends in hazardous situations near moving traffic. This process will improve the flow of documents through the law enforcement agency system to the judiciary. It will reduce the amount of time staff members spend deciphering, filing and delivering paper citations between agencies.

It is important to understand that funding to sufficiently support this system is imperative for the establishment, implementation, operation, oversight, repair and maintenance for its ongoing success. We support and recommend necessary funds be appropriated out of the general revenues as grants in aid to all four Hawai'i Counties. We also support and understand the importance of establishing an additional accounting position to assist in the tracking of funding as it is distributed and utilized.

It is for these reasons, we urge this committee to approve this legislation. Thank you for allowing the Hawai'i Police Department to provide comments relating to Senate Bill SB1078.

Sincerely,

  
BENJAMIN T. MOSZKOWICZ  
POLICE CHIEF

**SB-1078**

Submitted on: 1/30/2023 2:58:40 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/3/2023 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
William Hankins	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Electronic citations have been utilized on Maui and Oahu for years as a pilot program. The benefits to continue this program on a statewide level are numerous. Electronic citations improve accuracy, deduct time for officers on traffic stops, this making it safer for officers and motorists. Speed, accuracy and vastly improved overall effecinacy with electronic citations is a benefit shared by all stakeholders, judiciary, law enforcement and community. I strongly support this bill.

**SB-1078**

Submitted on: 1/30/2023 4:32:31 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/3/2023 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
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Comments:

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**S.B. 1078**  
**RELATING TO ELECTRONIC CITATIONS**

Senate Committee on Judiciary

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** S.B. 1078, which establishes a statewide electronic citation program under the Judiciary and appropriates funds.

The implementation of an electronic, or eCitation, system would help streamline the process, such as allowing supervisors, prosecutors, and Judiciary personnel to more easily read typed notes rather than difficult-to-read handwritten notes, as well as transmitting citations more quickly from law enforcement agencies to the Judiciary.

eCitation technology provides numerous benefits to law enforcement, Judiciary and to the general public, including:

- Time savings and accuracy by scanning driver license and registrations to auto populate eCitations;
- Officer and motorist safety as law enforcement officers spend less time on the side of the road writing and issuing the citation;
- More accurate citation data and less laborious data entry into multiple Records Management Systems;
- Electronic delivery of citations from rural police districts to the courts;
- Faster access to citations for violators who need to pay the fines; and
- Analysis of eCitation data (types of violations, geolocations, times of issuance, etc.) that can be used for traffic safety.

The DOT urges your support of S.B. 1078, which will streamline processes, as well as improve roadside safety for law enforcement and roadway users.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.