

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.

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

1 PART I

2 SECTION 1. Chapter 26, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
3 by adding a new section to part II to be appropriately
4 designated and to read as follows:

5 "§26- Department of transportation; administrative
6 hearings division. (a) There is established within the
7 department of transportation the administrative hearings
8 division to conduct administrative hearings pursuant to chapter
9 91 for matters under the jurisdiction of the department of
10 transportation, including:



- 1 (6) Airport and harbor matters, including concession
2 disputes; and
3 (7) Highway encroachments.
4 (b) The director of transportation shall appoint a
5 hearings officer or officers not subject to chapter 76 to hear
6 and decide any case or controversy regarding matters under the
7 jurisdiction of the department of transportation. The hearing
8 officer shall have the power to issue subpoenas, administer
9 oaths, hear testimony, find facts, and make conclusions of law
10 and recommend a decision.
11 (c) The department of transportation shall adopt rules
12 pursuant to chapter 91 necessary for the purposes of this
13 section."
14 SECTION 2. Chapter 279J, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
15 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
16 and to read as follows:
17 "**§279J-** Administrative hearing. (a) Any person or
18 transportation network company aggrieved by a decision by the
19 department taken pursuant to this chapter may request an
20 administrative hearing conducted pursuant to chapter 91.



1 (b) A request for an administrative hearing shall be filed
2 with the administrative hearings division of the department
3 within thirty days after receipt of the order, notice, or
4 decision being contested.

5 (c) A decision of the administrative hearings division
6 under this section shall constitute a final decision and order
7 under chapter 91, subject to judicial review pursuant to section
8 91-14."

9 SECTION 3. Chapter 291J, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
10 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
11 and to read as follows:

12 "S291J- Appeals. (a) Any person issued a citation
13 pursuant to this chapter may contest the citation by submitting
14 a request for an administrative hearing conducted pursuant to
15 chapter 91 to the administrative hearings division of the
16 department within thirty days after the date the citation was
17 received.

18 (b) A decision of the administrative hearings division
19 under this section shall constitute a final decision and order
20 under chapter 91, subject to judicial review pursuant to section
21 91-14."



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

4 **"S291L- Appeals.** (a) Any person issued a citation
5 pursuant to this chapter may contest the citation by submitting
6 a request for an administrative hearing conducted pursuant to
7 chapter 91 to the administrative hearings division of the
8 department within thirty days after the date the citation was
9 received.

10 (b) A decision of the administrative hearings division
11 under this section shall constitute a final decision and order
12 under chapter 91, subject to judicial review pursuant to section
13 91-14."

14 SECTION 5. Section 261-13, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 **"S261-13 Orders, notice, and opportunity for hearings,
17 judicial review.** (a) Every order of the director of
18 transportation requiring performance of or desistance from
19 certain acts or compliance with certain requirements and any
20 denial or revocation of an approval, certificate, or license or
21 refusal of a renewal thereof shall be:





1 the administrative hearings division of the department of
2 transportation pursuant to section 26- .

3 (d) A request for an administrative hearing shall be filed
4 with the administrative hearings division of the department
5 within thirty days after receipt of the order, notice, or
6 decision being contested.

7 (e) A decision of the administrative hearings division of
8 the department of transportation under this section shall
9 constitute a final decision and order under chapter 91, subject
10 to judicial review pursuant to section 91-14.

11 (f) Any person aggrieved by the final decision of the
12 administrative hearings division may obtain a review thereof by
13 the circuit court of the circuit in which that person resides or
14 does business in the manner provided in chapter 91 for review of
15 orders in contested cases. Upon application of either party,
16 the court may assign the appeal for hearing at the earliest
17 possible date.

18 Appeals may be taken and had in the manner provided for a
19 review of a civil judgment of a circuit court.



1 Upon the final termination of any judicial review, the
2 director shall enter an order or take other action in accordance
3 with the mandate of the court."

4 SECTION 6. Section 286-241.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
5 amended to read as follows:

"[+]S286-241.6[Appeal to circuit court.] Appeals. Any suspension, revocation, or cancellation of a commercial driver's license under section 286-241.4 may be appealed to the [circuit court in which the applicant or licensee resides] administrative hearings division of the department of transportation by filing a notice of appeal [in that court] within thirty days after being notified of the suspension, revocation, or cancellation. The appeal shall not operate as a stay to the order or decision appealed from. The appeal shall be subject to procedures and rules as may be prescribed by the [court] administrative hearings division and the decision [of the court] shall be final except as otherwise provided in chapter 91."

PART II

19 SECTION 7. Chapter 139, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
20 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
21 and to read as follows:



1 "§139- Law enforcement vehicle dashboard cameras;

2 requirements. (a) Beginning January 1, 2027, each state or

3 county motor vehicle bearing an inscription pursuant to

4 section 105-6 or 105-7 and operated by a law enforcement agency

5 in the State as well as any subsidized vehicle used by a law

6 enforcement officer while on official duty shall be equipped

7 with a functioning dashboard camera capable of recording video

8 and audio of all law enforcement activities conducted during

9 traffic stops, arrests, and other enforcement actions.

10 (b) Each law enforcement agency shall establish policies

11 and procedures to ensure that:

12 (1) Dashboard cameras are automatically activated during

13 law enforcement encounters;

14 (2) Recordings are retained for no less than ninety days;

15 and

16 (3) Recordings are subject to disclosure consistent with

17 chapter 92F.

18 (c) Each law enforcement agency shall submit an annual

19 report to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the

20 convening of each regular session on the law enforcement



1 agency's implementation and operation of dashboard camera
2 systems.

3 (d) The attorney general shall provide oversight for the
4 use of dashboard cameras by law enforcement agencies pursuant to
5 this section."

6 PART III

7 SECTION 8. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
8 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

9 SECTION 9. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: 

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H.B. NO. 2031

Report Title:

DOT; Administrative Hearings Division; Administrative Hearings; Highways; Airports; Harbors; Photo Red Light Imaging Detector Systems; Speed Enforcement Systems; Commercial Driver's Licenses; On-Demand Taxi Services; Transportation Network Companies; Law Enforcement Agency; Police; Vehicle; Dashboard Camera; Requirement

Description:

Part I: Establishes the Administrative Hearings Division with the Department of Transportation and transfers certain administrative hearing powers to the Division, including matters related to automated red light camera and speed enforcement traffic citations, oversized and overweight vehicles on state highways, commercial driver's license appeals, on-demand taxi services at airports, transportation network company permit appeals, airport and harbor matters, and highway encroachments.

Part II: Beginning 1/1/2027, requires all marked vehicles operated by law enforcement agencies in the State and subsidized vehicles of law enforcement officers to be equipped with functioning dashboard cameras. Requires each law enforcement agency to establish policies and procedures and submit an annual report to the Legislature. Requires the Attorney General to provide oversight for the use of dashboard cameras by law enforcement agencies.

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