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# 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:

- 11 (1) Automated traffic citations issued pursuant to  
12 chapters 291J and 291L;  
13 (2) Oversized and overweight vehicles on state highways;  
14 (3) Commercial driver's license appeals;  
15 (4) On-demand taxi services at public airports;  
16 (5) Transportation network company permit appeals;



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        "§291J- 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."



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

**"§291L- Appeals.** (a) Any person issued a citation pursuant to this chapter may contest the citation by submitting a request for an administrative hearing conducted pursuant to chapter 91 to the administrative hearings division of the department within thirty days after the date the citation was received.

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

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

**"§261-13 Orders, notice, and opportunity for hearings, judicial review.** (a) Every order of the director of transportation requiring performance of or desistance from certain acts or compliance with certain requirements and any denial or revocation of an approval, certificate, or license or refusal of a renewal thereof shall be:



1 (1) In the form required by section 91-12;

2 (2) Made only after reasonable notice and an opportunity  
3 to be heard in conformity with chapter 91; and

4 (3) Served upon the persons affected either by registered  
5 or certified mail with return receipt requested or in  
6 person.

7 (b) In every case where reasonable notice and opportunity  
8 for hearing are required under this section, the director shall,  
9 on not less than five days' notice personally served, or seven  
10 days' notice by registered or certified mail (to be computed  
11 from the date of mailing of the notice), specify the matters  
12 prescribed in section 91-9; provided that in cases of emergency  
13 where the public interest so requires the amount of notice may  
14 be shortened, or a temporary order may be issued pending the  
15 holding of the hearing. To the extent practicable, hearings on  
16 these matters shall be held in the county where the affected  
17 person resides or does business.

18 (c) Any person aggrieved by an order of the director or by  
19 the grant, denial, or revocation of any approval, license, or  
20 certificate, or refusal of a renewal thereof, may ~~[obtain a~~  
21 ~~review thereof]~~ request an administrative hearing conducted by



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.



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

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

"~~[[§286-241.6]]~~ ~~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

SECTION 7. Chapter 139, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated 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.

10 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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