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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE JUDICIARY.

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

1        SECTION 1. Chapter 601, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2        amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
3        and to read as follows:

4        **"§601-        Automated court appearance reminder system;**  
5        **requirements.**        (a)        No later than July 1, 2027, the judiciary  
6        shall develop, implement, and administer an automated court  
7        appearance reminder system that will generate and transmit text  
8        message or electronic mail notifications to certain persons who  
9        are required to appear in court at a future date.

10        (b)        The automated court appearance reminder system shall:

11        (1)        Be used in all traffic and criminal cases in the  
12        district, family, and circuit courts; and  
13        (2)        Generate a text message or electronic mail  
14        notification for each scheduled future court  
15        appearance that:

16        (A)        Is transmitted to the recipient no later than  
17        twenty-four hours prior to the recipient's



scheduled court date and time; provided that if  
the court is unable to schedule the future court  
appearance more than twenty-four hours in  
advance, then the text message or electronic mail  
notification shall be transmitted to the  
recipient as soon as possible after the court  
appearance is scheduled; and

(B) Includes the following information:

(i) The name of the person who is required to appear in court;

(ii) The case number of the matter in which the person is required to appear:

(iii) The date, time, and location of the  
scheduled court appearance:

(iv) For court appearances that can be attended virtually, provide the link to the virtual court appearance in, at least, the final reminder sent before the appearance:

(v) A recommendation that the person make a plan to attend court, including marking their calendar, setting an alarm, and arranging



14       (d) The judiciary shall consult with the intake services  
15       center division of the department of public safety or its  
16       successor agency with respect to the design of the automated  
17       court appearance reminder system and any additional elements not  
18       specified by this section that should be considered for  
19       inclusion.



(e) The judiciary may contract with a third party to develop, implement, and administer the automated court appearance reminder system."

4 SECTION 2. Section 803-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
5 amended as follows:

6 1. By amending subsection (a) to read:

7                     "(a) At or before the time of making an arrest, the person  
8 shall declare that the person is an officer of justice, if such  
9 is the case. If the person has a warrant the person should show  
10 it; or if the person makes the arrest without warrant in any of  
11 the cases in which it is authorized by law, the person should  
12 give the party arrested clearly to understand for what cause the  
13 person undertakes to make the arrest, and shall require the  
14 party arrested to submit and be taken to the police station or  
15 judge. The person shall note in the arrest record the  
16 arrestee's mobile telephone number or a mobile telephone number  
17 at which the arrestee may be reliably contacted. This done, the  
18 arrest is complete."

**19** 2. By amending subsection (c) to read:

**20** " (c) The citation shall contain:



1 (1) The name and current address of the offender[+],  
2 including the offender's mobile telephone number or a  
3 mobile telephone number at which the offender may be  
4 reliably contacted;

5 (2) The last four digits of the offender's social security  
6 number;

7 (3) A description of the offender;

8 (4) The nature of the offense;

9 (5) The time and date of the offense;

10 (6) A notice of time and date for court appearance;

11 (7) The signature and badge number of the officer;

12 (8) The signature of the offender agreeing to court  
13 appearance;

14 (9) Any remarks; and

15 (10) A notice directing the offender to appear at the time  
16 and place designated to stand trial for the offense  
17 indicated and a notice that failure to obey the  
18 citation may result in a fine or imprisonment, or  
19 both."

20 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
21 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so



1 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027 for  
2 the judiciary to develop, implement, and administer the  
3 automated court appearance reminder system required by section 1  
4 of this Act.

5 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

6 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:



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# H.B. NO. 2181

**Report Title:**

Judiciary; Court Appearances; Automated Reminder System; Appropriation

**Description:**

Requires the Judiciary to develop, implement, and administer an automated court appearance reminder system that generates text message or electronic mail notifications for upcoming court appearances in certain types of cases. Appropriates funds.

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