
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 291C-161, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (g) to read as follows:

3 "(g) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, fines
4 collected pursuant to chapter 291L and section 291C-108 shall be
5 deposited into the automated speed enforcement systems program
6 special fund established under section 291L-10 and shall be
7 expended [~~in the county in which the fine was imposed,~~] for
8 purposes that include the establishment, implementation,
9 operation, oversight, management, maintenance, and repair of an
10 automated speed enforcement system and implementation of the
11 automated speed enforcement systems program."

12 SECTION 2. Section 291L-10, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 "[§] 291L-10 [§] **Automated speed enforcement systems**
15 **program special fund; established.** (a) There is established in
16 the state treasury an automated speed enforcement systems
17 program special fund to be administered by the department, into

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1 which shall be deposited all fines collected pursuant to this
2 chapter and section 291C-108.

3 (b) Moneys in the automated speed enforcement systems
4 program special fund shall be expended by the department [~~in the~~
5 ~~county in which the fine was imposed,~~] for the establishment,
6 implementation, operation, oversight, management, maintenance,
7 and repair of an automated speed enforcement system and
8 implementation of the automated speed enforcement systems
9 program.

10 (c) All unencumbered and unexpended moneys in excess of
11 \$12,000,000 remaining on balance in the automated speed
12 enforcement systems program special fund at the close of June 30
13 of each year shall lapse to the credit of the state general
14 fund."

15 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
16 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

17 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Department of Transportation; Transportation; Automated Speed Enforcement System; Automated Speed Enforcement Systems Program Special Fund

Description:

Requires unencumbered and unexpended revenues from the Automated Speed Enforcement Systems Program Special Fund in excess of \$12,000,000 as of June 30 of each year to lapse to the general fund.

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JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: TRANSPORTATION

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO
TRANSPORTATION.

PURPOSE: To require any funds in the Automated Speed Enforcement Systems Program Special Fund exceeding \$12,000,000—the estimated amount needed to operate the Automated Speed Enforcement Systems Program—to lapse into the general fund as of June 30 of each year and remove restrictions on county fund allocations based on locally collected fees.

MEANS: Amend section 291L-10, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

JUSTIFICATION: Given the State's limited budget and to ensure that the Automated Speed Enforcement Systems Program remains operational in all counties, these amendments are necessary to maintain full funding for the program while maximizing the use of excess funds for statewide priorities. By removing county-specific expenditure restrictions, the State will gain flexibility to address operational needs, update equipment, and respond to emerging traffic enforcement demands more effectively. This ensures that excess funds are efficiently redirected to support broader state priorities while maintaining sufficient resources for the continued operation of the program. Redirecting surplus funds to the general fund also promotes fiscal responsibility and allows the State to leverage resources for broader public benefit.

Impact on the public: Redirecting surplus funds from the Automated Speed Enforcement Systems Program Special Fund to the general fund allows the State to invest in broader public priorities while ensuring that automated speed enforcement continues to

enhance roadway safety for all residents and visitors.

Impact on the department and other agencies:

While the \$12,000,000 threshold may present limitations, the Department recognizes the need to use funds efficiently to meet statewide priorities. Removing county-specific restrictions allows the Department to allocate resources where operational updates and system improvements are most needed, supporting the program's effectiveness and long-term sustainability.

GENERAL FUND:

None.

OTHER FUNDS:

Automated Speed Enforcement Systems Special Fund, all revenues more than \$12,000,000 as of June 30 of each year will lapse to the general fund.

PPBS PROGRAM

DESIGNATION:

TRN 595.

OTHER AFFECTED

AGENCIES:

Department of Budget and Finance.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

Upon approval.