A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO COUNTIES.

HB LRB 07-1635.doc

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 291C, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 1 amended by adding a new part to be appropriately designated and 2 3 to read as follows: "PART TRANSMITTAL OF TRAFFIC FINES 4 AND FORFEITURES TO COUNTIES 5 §291C-A Definitions. For purposes of this chapter, unless 6 7 the context clearly requires otherwise: "Traffic infraction" means the same as defined in section 8 9 291D-2. "Uncontested traffic infraction" means a traffic infraction 10 which the person noticed under section 291D-5 does not contest. 11 A person "does not contest" an infraction if, in accordance with 12 section 291D-6(b)(1), the person admits the commission of the 13 infraction without requesting a hearing to explain mitigating 14 circumstances and pays or remits bail forfeiture by mail within 15 16 thirty days. §291C-B Transmittal of fines and forfeitures. (a) The 17 state director of finance shall transmit to each county, not 18

H.B. NO. 1583

- 1 more than thirty days after the end of each fiscal quarter, all
- 2 fines and forfeitures collected for uncontested traffic
- 3 infractions committed in that county that are in excess of
- 4 amounts required by the State to pay the administrative costs of
- 5 the traffic violations bureau.
- 6 (b) Subsection (a) shall not apply to:
- 7 (1) Fines and forfeitures for violations that occur on
- 8 state off-street parking facilities, parks, airports,
- 9 and harbors that are subject to enforcement by the
- 10 State; and
- 11 (2) Fines and forfeitures that are required by law to be
- paid into a special, revolving, or trust fund.
- 13 No county shall be entitled to any portion of the fines and
- 14 forfeitures described in this subsection."
- 15 SECTION 2. Section 291C-171, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 16 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:
- 17 "(a) All fines and forfeitures collected upon conviction
- 18 or upon the forfeiture of bail of any person charged with a
- 19 violation of any section or provision of the state traffic laws
- 20 and all assessments collected relating to the commission of
- 21 traffic infractions shall be paid to the director of finance of
- 22 the State. The judiciary shall identify those uncontested



- 1 traffic infractions as defined in section 291C-A. The
- 2 disposition of fines and forfeitures paid to the state director
- 3 of finance shall be subject to section 291C-B."
- 4 SECTION 3. In codifying the new sections added by section
- 5 1 of this Act, the revisor of statutes shall substitute
- 6 appropriate section numbers for the letters used in designating
- 7 the new sections in this Act.
- 8 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

9 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

10

INTRODUCED BY:

JAN 2 3 2007

Report Title:

Unadjudicated Traffic Fines

Description:

Transfers all fines and forfeitures collected for uncontested traffic infractions to the countries starting from 7/1/07.