



Testimony to the Twenty -Fourth State Legislature, 2008 Session

House Committee on Transportation
The Honorable Joseph M. Souki, Chair
The Honorable Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair

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by

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Bill No. and Title: House Bill No. 3273, Relating to Traffic Infractions

Judiciary's Position:

While the Judiciary takes no position on this bill, an effective date of January 1, 2009 would be helpful to the Judiciary in ensuring proper implementation of the intent of this bill.

A change in the penalty section for certain infractions requires the Judiciary to (1) make database system changes, (2) obtain statewide approval from district court administrative judges for changes in monetary assessment and fees amounts (required under HRS 291D-9), and (3) inform external agencies and other court operations of the changes.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this measure.

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From: Monica.J.Flinders@hawaii.gov
Sent: Friday, February 01, 2008 3:40 PM
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Subject: HB 3273 support

We are in support of HB 3273 because if passed it would result in a reduction of stress on our limited resources. The elimination of mandatory court appearances would free up court dockets as well as officers and conserve time and money. The decriminalization of parking violations would allow officers as well as courts to concentrate on more serious violations and cases.

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Subject: HB2893/HB3273

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I support HB2893. It will insure the ability of a ferry service to better follow a timely schedule.

I especially support HB3273. This should have been done years ago. It will free up the court system as well as give the defendant a chance to just pay a fine and not waste his/her time. As well as save valuable court time and expense.

Respectfully,
Wm Mark Robinson
Maui resident