



THE JUDICIARY, STATE OF HAWAII

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Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
The Honorable Clayton Hee, Vice Chair

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Bill No. and Title: Senate Bill No. 2563, Relating to the Judiciary.

Judiciary's Position:

The Judiciary supports the intent of Senate Bill No. 2563.

The Judiciary Information Management System (JIMS) technology currently used to support traffic court dockets allows payment of traffic citations at any district court in the state and it is the district courts' practice to take payment (for any division) at any district court location where cashiers are available. The Third Circuit district Courts have offices in Hilo, Waimea, and Kona where citations may be paid. In addition, parties may make payment over the internet and by telephone (Internet Voice Recording) from anyplace where they have internet access or telephones. In addition, parties may mail payments to any district court.

For cases that require a hearing or trial, current statutes allow the district courts within a circuit to adjudicate any civil or criminal traffic citation that is issued in the circuit (*see* HRS 604-7, 604-7.3, 604-7.4, and 604-11.5). A case can be transferred to any division in the circuit upon a motion for a change of venue.



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In sum, the intent of Senate Bill No. 2563 is consistent with the Judiciary's vision for the Judiciary Information Management System and the Judiciary is already complying with the intent of Senate Bill No. 2563.

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