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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO UNADJUDICATED TRAFFIC FINES.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 291C, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new part to be appropriately designated and
3 to read as follows:

4 **"PART . TRANSMITTAL OF TRAFFIC FINES AND FORFEITURES TO**
5 **COUNTIES**

6 **§291C-A Definitions.** As used in this part, unless the
7 context clearly requires otherwise:

8 "Traffic infraction" means the same as defined under
9 section 291D-2.

10 "Uncontested traffic infraction" means a traffic infraction
11 for which the person noticed under section 291D-5 admits the
12 commission of the infraction without requesting a hearing to
13 explain mitigating circumstances and pays or remits bail
14 forfeiture by mail, via the internet, or by telephone within
15 thirty days in accordance with section 291D-6(b) (1).

16 **§291C-B Transmittal of fines and forfeitures.** Beginning
17 July 1, 2019, not more than thirty days after the end of each



1 fiscal quarter, the director of finance shall transmit to each
2 county all the fines and forfeitures collected during the
3 previous fiscal quarter for uncontested traffic infractions
4 committed in that county that are in excess of amounts required
5 by the State to pay the administrative costs of the traffic
6 violations bureau. The fines and forfeitures deemed excess
7 pursuant to this subsection shall be transmitted to the county
8 in which the citations were issued. This section shall not
9 apply to:

10 (1) Fines and forfeitures for violations that occur on
11 state off-street parking facilities, parks, airports,
12 and harbors that are subject to enforcement by the
13 State; and

14 (2) Fines and forfeitures that are required by law to be
15 paid into a special, revolving, or trust fund.

16 Except as provided by this section, no county shall be
17 entitled to any portion of the fines and forfeitures described
18 in this section."

19 SECTION 2. Section 291C-171, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
20 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:



1 (a) All fines and forfeitures collected upon conviction
2 or upon the forfeiture of bail of any person charged with a
3 violation of any section or provision of the state traffic laws
4 and all assessments collected relating to the commission of
5 traffic infractions shall be paid to the director of finance of
6 the State. The judiciary shall identify those fines paid for
7 uncontested traffic infractions as defined in section 291C-A.
8 The disposition of fines and forfeitures paid to the director of
9 finance shall be subject to section 291C-B."

10 SECTION 3. In codifying the new sections added by section
11 1 of this Act, the revisor of statutes shall substitute
12 appropriate section numbers for the letters used in designating
13 the new sections in this Act.

14 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

15 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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By Request



S.B. NO. 164

Report Title:

Hawaii State Association of Counties Package; Uncontested Traffic Fines; Transfer to Counties

Description:

Transfers certain fines and forfeitures collected for uncontested traffic infractions to the counties.

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