
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTRONIC CITATIONS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that paper citations are
2 plagued by numerous deficiencies, such as untimely delivery of
3 citations from law enforcement agencies to the judiciary, and
4 difficulty in deciphering handwritten notes. In many instances,
5 these deficiencies lead to the dismissal of traffic citations or
6 delays in access to citations by the person who was cited.

7 The legislature further finds that electronic citation
8 technology provides numerous benefits to law enforcement, the
9 judiciary, and to the general public. These benefits include:

- 10 (1) Improved efficiency and accuracy in the issuance of
11 citations, which contributes to officer and motorist
12 safety by reducing the time spent on the ticketing
13 process, which often occurs in precarious roadside
14 locations;
- 15 (2) Easier-to-read citations;
- 16 (3) Improved efficiency and accuracy in citation data
17 entry into law enforcement and the judiciary's record



- 1 management systems, since electronic citations can
2 reduce redundant data entries;
- 3 (4) Elimination of in-person deliveries or mailing of
4 paper citations from police districts to the courts,
5 leading to faster access to citations for violators to
6 pay fines online or in person; and
- 7 (5) Improved traffic safety due to the availability of
8 electronic citation data analyses, such as types of
9 violations, geolocations, times of issuance, and other
10 related data points.

11 The legislature recognizes that a statewide electronic
12 citation system will streamline processes and that the time
13 savings will allow law enforcement to spend less time on
14 paperwork and data entry and more time on responding to calls
15 and community concerns.

16 The legislature further recognizes that an electronic
17 citation system will assist the judiciary in reducing clerical
18 issues, processing delays, and citation dismissals.

19 The purpose of this Act is to:

- 20 (1) Establish a statewide electronic citation program
21 under the judiciary; and



1 (2) Make appropriations.

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

5 "PART . ELECTRONIC CITATION PROGRAM

6 §291C-A Definition. As used in this part, "electronic
7 citation" means the process of transmitting traffic,
8 misdemeanor, or other citations and law enforcement data via
9 electronic means to the clerk of the court.

10 §291C-B Statewide electronic citation program;

11 established. (a) There is established within the judiciary a
12 statewide electronic citation program.

13 (b) The judiciary shall adopt procedures to implement this
14 section."

15 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of general fund the
16 sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be necessary for
17 fiscal year 2022-2023 for the establishment, implementation,
18 operation, oversight, repair and maintenance of an electronic
19 citation program.

20 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the judiciary for
21 the purposes of this Act.



1 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
3 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 as a
4 grant-in-aid to the city and county of Honolulu for the
5 establishment, implementation, operation, oversight, repair and
6 maintenance of a statewide electronic citation program.

7 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the city and
8 county of Honolulu for the purposes of this Act.

9 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general
10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
11 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 as a
12 grant-in-aid to the county of Maui for the establishment,
13 implementation, operation, oversight, repair and maintenance of
14 a statewide electronic citation program.

15 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the county of
16 Maui for the purposes of this Act.

17 SECTION 6. There is appropriated out of the general
18 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
19 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 as a
20 grant-in-aid to the county of Hawaii for the establishment,



1 implementation, operation, oversight, repair and maintenance of
2 a statewide electronic citation program.

3 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the county of
4 Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

5 SECTION 7. There is appropriated out of the general
6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
7 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 as a
8 grant-in-aid to the county of Kauai for the establishment,
9 implementation, operation, oversight, repair and maintenance of
10 a statewide electronic citation program.

11 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the county of
12 Kauai for the purposes of this Act.

13 SECTION 8. In codifying the new sections added by
14 section 6 of this Act, the revisor of statutes shall substitute
15 appropriate section numbers for the letters used in designating
16 the new sections in this Act.

17 SECTION 9. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
18 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
19 begun before its effective date.

20 SECTION 10. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2023.



Report Title:

Electronic Citation Program; Establishment; Appropriation

Description:

Creates an electronic citation program under the Judiciary.
Appropriates funds. Effective 1/1/2023. (SD1)

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