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# 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  
9 agencies, the judiciary, and the general public. These benefits  
10 include:

11           (1) Improved efficiency and accuracy in the issuance of  
12 citations, which contributes to officer and motorist  
13 safety by reducing the time spent on the ticketing  
14 process often occurring in precarious roadside  
15 locations;

16           (2) Easier-to-read citations;



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

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

19 The legislature further recognizes that an electronic  
20 citation system will assist the judiciary in reducing clerical  
21 issues, processing delays, and citation dismissals.



1 The purpose of this Act is to:

- 2 (1) Establish a statewide electronic citation program
- 3 under the judiciary; and
- 4 (2) Make appropriations.

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

8 "PART . STATEWIDE ELECTRONIC CITATION PROGRAM

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

13 §291C- Statewide electronic citation program. (a)  
14 There is established within the judiciary a statewide electronic  
15 citation program.

16 (b) The judiciary shall adopt procedures to implement this  
17 section."

18 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
19 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
20 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and  
21 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal



1 year 2024-2025 for the establishment, implementation, operation,  
2 oversight, and repair and maintenance of a statewide electronic  
3 citation program.

4 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the judiciary  
5 for the purposes of this Act.

6 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general  
7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
8 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and  
9 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
10 year 2024-2025 as a grant-in-aid to the city and county of  
11 Honolulu for the establishment, implementation, operation,  
12 oversight, and repair and maintenance of a statewide electronic  
13 citation program.

14 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the city and  
15 county of Honolulu for the purposes of this Act.

16 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general  
17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
18 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and  
19 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
20 year 2024-2025 as a grant-in-aid to the county of Maui for the



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

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

5 SECTION 6. 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 2023-2024 and  
8 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
9 year 2024-2025 as a grant-in-aid to the county of Hawaii for the  
10 establishment, implementation, operation, oversight, and repair  
11 and maintenance of a statewide electronic citation program.

12 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the county of  
13 Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

14 SECTION 7. There is appropriated out of the general  
15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
16 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and  
17 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
18 year 2024-2025 as a grant-in-aid to the county of Kauai for the  
19 establishment, implementation, operation, oversight, and repair  
20 and maintenance of a statewide electronic citation program.



1           The sums appropriated shall be expended by the county of  
2 Kauai for the purposes of this Act.

3           SECTION 8. There is appropriated out of the general  
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$           or so much  
5 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and the  
6 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
7 2024-2025 for the establishment of one permanent full-time  
8 equivalent (1.0 FTE) project specialist position.

9           The sums appropriated shall be expended by the judiciary  
10 for the purposes of this Act.

11           SECTION 9. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050;  
12 provided that section 2 shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Judiciary; Electronic Citation Program; Establishment;  
Appropriation

**Description:**

Establishes a statewide electronic citation program under the  
Judiciary. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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