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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, the  
9 judiciary, and 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 often occurring 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 the types  
9 of violations, geolocations, times of issuance, and  
10 other 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 . STATEWIDE ELECTRONIC CITATION PROGRAM

6 §291C- 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- Statewide electronic citation program. (a)

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

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

15 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
17 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and  
18 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
19 year 2024-2025 for the establishment, implementation, operation,  
20 oversight, repair and maintenance of a statewide electronic  
21 citation program.



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

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

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

13           SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general  
14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                    or so  
15 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and  
16 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
17 year 2024-2025 as a grant-in-aid to the county of Maui for the  
18 establishment, implementation, operation, oversight, repair and  
19 maintenance of a statewide electronic citation program.

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



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

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

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

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

19 SECTION 8. There is appropriated out of the general  
 20 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$51,024 or so much  
 21 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and the




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1 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
2 2024-2025 for the establishment of one permanent full time  
3 equivalent (1.0 FTE) accountant position.

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

6 SECTION 9. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2023;  
7 provided that section 2 shall take effect on January 1, 2024.

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INTRODUCED BY: 



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**Report Title:**

Electronic Citation Program; Established; Appropriation

**Description:**

Establishes statewide electronic citation program under the Judiciary. Appropriates funds.

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