
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRAFFIC CITATIONS.

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 section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§291C- Traffic cameras. (a) The department of law
5 enforcement may establish and implement any traffic camera to
6 impose monetary liability on the registered owner of a motor
7 vehicle for failure to comply with traffic-related laws. The
8 department of law enforcement may provide for the:

9 (1) Procurement, location, and oversight of any traffic
10 camera; and

11 (2) Installation, operation, maintenance, and repair of
12 any traffic camera through a third party contractor.

13 Where any traffic camera affects state property, the department
14 of law enforcement shall cooperate with and assist the county as
15 needed to install, maintain, and repair any traffic camera
16 established pursuant to this section.



1 (b) If the department of law enforcement establishes any
2 traffic camera under this section, the compensation paid by the
3 department to a manufacturer or vendor of the equipment used
4 shall be based upon the value of the equipment and services
5 provided or rendered in support of any traffic camera, and shall
6 not be based upon a portion of the fine or civil penalty imposed
7 or the revenue generated by the equipment.

8 (c) The department of law enforcement may issue a citation
9 by first class mail for any violation of traffic laws that do
10 not mandate the physical arrest of violators within ten calendar
11 days from the time of the incident for motor vehicles
12 disregarding traffic laws.

13 (d) At least sixty days prior to traffic cameras becoming
14 operational, the department of law enforcement, in conjunction
15 with any county that implements traffic cameras pursuant to this
16 section, shall conduct a comprehensive informational and
17 educational campaign to inform motorists and the general public
18 about the traffic cameras.

19 (e) During the first thirty days of operation of any
20 traffic camera in a particular traffic area, a warning shall be
21 issued for any violation of traffic laws that do not mandate the



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1 physical arrest of violators, and mailed to the registered owner
2 of the motor vehicle at the address on record at the vehicle
3 licensing division, in lieu of a summons or citation pursuant to
4 subsection (c).

5 (f) Any person who knowingly destroys or damages a traffic
6 camera shall be guilty of a class C felony.

7 (g) For the purposes of this section, "traffic camera"
8 means any camera owned and operated under the authority of the
9 department of law enforcement."

10 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

11 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

DLE; Traffic Cameras; Citations; Mail; Motor Vehicles; Traffic Code

Description:

Authorizes the Department of Law Enforcement to establish traffic cameras and issue a citation by mail for certain violations of traffic-related laws. Establishes that intentional destruction or damage to a traffic camera is a class C felony.

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