
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO IDENTIFY A PLAN TO COLLECT UNADJUDICATED FINES AND TO CONSOLIDATE ITS BACKLOG OF WARRANTS.

1 WHEREAS, the counties are responsible for the enforcement
2 of the statewide traffic code and county traffic ordinances; and
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4 WHEREAS, a substantial portion of the parking and traffic
5 fine revenues received by the State represents unadjudicated
6 fines that require little or no expenditure on the part of the
7 State to collect; and
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9 WHEREAS, however, the fines and forfeitures relating to the
10 commission of traffic violations are paid to the State; and
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12 WHEREAS, the cost to the counties of enforcing the traffic
13 laws is substantial, including the cost of personnel to
14 administer the laws, issue citations, and make arrests as well
15 as the costs of equipment and supplies; and
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17 WHEREAS, allowing the counties to receive revenues relating
18 to the commission of traffic violations that are unadjudicated
19 would greatly assist the counties in offsetting the costs of
20 enforcing the traffic laws and of managing traffic safety
21 programs; and
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23 WHEREAS, the Governor has indicated support for legislation
24 that would distribute to the counties a percentage of fines
25 resulting from traffic and parking citations that are issued by
26 the counties; now, therefore,
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28 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
29 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
30 of 2009, that the Department of Public Safety is requested to
31 identify a plan to collect unadjudicated fines and to
32 consolidate its backlog of warrants; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Public Safety
 2 is requested to submit findings and recommendations, including
 3 any proposed legislation, to the Legislature not later than
 4 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
 5 2010; and

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 7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 8 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and the Director of
 9 Public Safety.

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