



## *The Judiciary, State of Hawai'i*

**Testimony to the  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means**  
Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair  
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice Chair

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### **WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY**

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**Bill No. and Title:** Senate Bill No. 221, S.D. 1, Relating to Highway Safety.

**Purpose:** Establishes the photo red light imaging detector systems program. Authorizes counties to administer the program. Requires proceeds of fines to be expended in the county from which they were collected for operation of the program. Makes an appropriation.

#### **Judiciary's Position:**

The Judiciary takes no position on the merits of Senate Bill No. 221, S.D. 1, but is concerned with the negative impacts on Judiciary operations.

The bill calls for the summons or citations to be issued to the registered owners of the offending vehicle. However, the governmental body responsible for the managing of the motor vehicle registrations is not always current with its vehicle registrations and there are always pending vehicle transfer transactions. These pending transfers may result in the summons or citations regarding the offending vehicles being mailed to the previous owners causing a discrepancy.

Such a large number of summons or citations resulting in discrepancies puts a tremendous burden on the District Court staff. Should the defendant contest the summons or citation by either submitting

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written statements or by making requests for court hearings, District Court staff will need to prepare these written statements for review or schedule the cases for court hearings.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this measure.