

HB1231 • Hawaii

Relating To Traffic Safety.

Passed Both Chambers

Risk: Medium

Comprehensive

Effective: Dec 31, 2025 | Last Action (Jun 25, 2025): Act 212, on 06/25/2025 (Gov. Msg. No. 1314).

Summary

This bill establishes a vehicle registration surcharge for a safe routes to school program and prohibits facial recognition in traffic enforcement systems.

Business Impact

If you operate automated traffic enforcement systems in Hawaii, you must ensure they do not use facial recognition technology by 12/31/2025 or face penalties.

Key Provisions

- Establishes a \$5 surcharge on motor vehicle registrations for a safe routes to school program.
- Prohibits facial recognition software in photo red light and automated speed enforcement systems.
- Clarifies citation and summons procedures for automated speed enforcement.
- Requires counties to notify the Department of Transportation before implementing the surcharge.
- Defines biometric identification and facial recognition software.
- Amends existing statutes to include new provisions related to traffic enforcement.

Compliance Checklist

- Implement the \$5 vehicle registration surcharge | Who: County governments | Penalty: Potential loss of funding for traffic safety programs
- Ensure no facial recognition technology is used in traffic enforcement systems | Who: Traffic enforcement agencies | Penalty: Possible legal challenges and fines

Industries Affected

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Topics

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Roll Call Votes

Date	Description	Yea	Nay	Result
2025-04-25	Senate Conference: Passed, With Amendments	4	0	Passed
2025-04-25	House Conference: Passed, With Amendments	3	0	Passed
2025-04-01	Senate Ways and Means: Passed, Unamended	11	0	Passed
2025-04-01	Senate Judiciary: Passed, Unamended	4	1	Passed
2025-03-18	Senate Transportation and Culture and the Arts: Pa	5	0	Passed

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