

TITLE: Administrative Adjudication of Traffic Offenses in California: A Feasibility Study

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PROJECT OBJECTIVE:

To comply with Senate Concurrent Resolution 40 (1975 Resolution Chapter 86), which mandated a feasibility study of administrative adjudication of traffic infractions.

SUMMARY:

After study and analysis, it was concluded that the system appears legally and economically feasible. The report notes that the public's attitude seems positive, and reduced workload for the courts would benefit both their scheduling and personnel. Also, uniform sanction schedules would eliminate disparities now existing between various districts. Driver records would be better maintained and used consistently in determination of penalties; this improved updating would benefit post-licensing control programs and hence traffic safety.

IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Legislature established an independent traffic adjudication board (TAB) and a demonstration project. An 18-month implementation followed by a two-year pilot project was begun in January, 1979. TAB was subsequently discontinued by the Legislature.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

None available.