

REPUBLIC OF KENYA



THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT (FOURTH SESSION)

THE SENATE

NOTICE OF MOTION

INSTALLATION OF CCTV CAMERAS IN ALL POLICE AND
DETENTION CELLS AND DIGITIZATION OF OCCURRENCE BOOKS
FOR ENHANCED SECURITY, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND HUMAN
RIGHTS PROTECTION

AWARE THAT police cells and Occurrence Book (OB) offices across the country are critical facilities for the detention and processing of suspects, and that ensuring the safety, security, and rights of detainees, law enforcement officers, and the public is of paramount importance;

CONSCIOUS THAT the protection of human rights, prevention of abuse, and upholding of the rule of law within detention facilities and police stations are fundamental obligations of the state, and that transparency and accountability in these environments are essential for justice and public trust;

FURTHER AWARE THAT many cells and OB offices, lack adequate surveillance and digital infrastructure, making it difficult to monitor activities, investigate incidents, and deter potential misconduct or abuse;

NOTING THAT the installation of Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) cameras in all cells and OB offices, and the digitization of the Occurrence Book (OB), will significantly enhance oversight, deter unlawful practices, provide verifiable evidence during investigations, and improve the safety of both detainees and officers by enabling real-time and recorded monitoring of all activities within detention facilities and police stations;

CONCERNED THAT there have been increasing reports and allegations of human rights violations, abuse, unexplained injuries, and deaths in custody, as well as security breaches and escapes from cells across the country, and that manual OB records are prone to tampering, loss, and inefficiency;

NOW THEREFORE, the Senate urges that the National Government, through the Ministry of Interior and National Administration, to:

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1. Install functional and tamper-proof CCTV cameras in all cells and OB offices across the country, with priority given to areas with high incidences of reported abuse or security concerns;
2. Digitize the Occurrence Book (OB) system in all police stations to ensure secure, efficient, and tamper-proof record keeping, with real-time backup and accessibility for investigations, judicial processes, and oversight by relevant authorities;
3. Ensure that all CCTV systems are monitored in real-time and that footage is securely stored and made accessible for investigations, judicial processes, and oversight by relevant authorities; and
4. Provide the necessary resources, technical support, and training to law enforcement officers for the effective operation and maintenance of CCTV systems and digital OB platforms to ensure nationwide coverage and effectiveness.



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