

RED LIGHT CAMERA BAN APPARENTLY FAILS IN STATEHOUSE

Written by Woody Gottburg
Monday, March 12 2012 12:03

It appears the effort to ban traffic enforcement cameras in Iowa has stalled at the statehouse. House Speaker Kraig Paulsen says there won't be enough votes for passage.

Critics complain the cameras violate due process rules for motorists. Sioux City reduced the red light camera fine by nearly half this year.

Cedar Rapids Mayor Ron Corbett says traffic enforcement cameras have been generally accepted by citizens in his city.

Council Bluffs Mayor Tom Hanafan says accidents are down about 35 percent in the areas that they have put in red light cameras.

Hanafan says his city collects between three- and four-million dollars a year from the red light tickets and half of that is used for property tax relief.

FROM RADIO IOWA