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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DESTRUCTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION RECORDS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

- 1 SECTION 1. This Act shall be known and may be cited as the
- 2 "Records Disposal Act of 2006."
- 3 SECTION 2. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by
- 4 adding to title 26 a new chapter to be appropriately designated
- 5 and to read as follows:
- 6 "CHAPTER

7 DESTRUCTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION RECORDS

- 8 -1 Purpose. Business records are a leading source of
- 9 personal information for identity thieves. Any entity that
- 10 maintains personal customer information as part of its business
- 11 operations should establish security procedures to maintain the
- 12 confidentiality and integrity of that data. A critical element
- of any security plan is the destruction of records containing
- 14 personal information when they are being discarded. Throughout
- 15 the United States, there have been repeated instances of
- 16 businesses carelessly dumping boxes containing scores of
- 17 customers' personal information in dumpsters. This chapter

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- 1 seeks to protect the people of Hawaii by making such practices
- 2 unlawful.
- 3 S -2 Definitions. As used in this chapter:
- 4 "Business" means a sole proprietorship, partnership,
- 5 corporation, association, or other group, however organized and
- 6 whether or not organized to operate at a profit. Except as
- 7 provided in section -3(e), the term includes a financial
- 8 institution organized, chartered, or holding a license or
- 9 authorization certificate under the laws of this State, any
- 10 other state, the United States, or any other country, or the
- 11 parent or the subsidiary of any such financial institution. The
- 12 term also includes an entity whose business is records
- 13 destruction. The term shall not include any government or
- 14 governmental subdivision or agency.
- "Disposal" means the discarding or abandonment of records
- 16 containing personal information or the sale, donation,
- 17 discarding, or transfer of any medium, including computer
- 18 equipment or computer media, containing records of personal
- 19 information, or other nonpaper media upon which records of
- 20 personal information are stored, or other equipment for nonpaper
- 21 storage of information.

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"Personal information" means an individual's first name or 1 first initial and last name in combination with any one or more 2 of the following data elements, when either the name or the data 3 elements are not encrypted: 4 (1) Social security number; 5 (2) Driver's license number or Hawaii identification card 6 number; or 7 (3) Account number, credit or debit card number, access 8 code, or password that would permit access to an 9 individual's financial account. 10 For purposes of this section, "personal information" shall 11 not include publicly available information that is lawfully made 12 available to the general public from federal, state, or local 13 14 government records. 15 "Records" means any material on which written, drawn, spoken, visual, or electromagnetic information is recorded or 16 17 preserved, regardless of physical form or characteristics. 18 -3 Destruction of personal information records. (a) Any business that conducts business in Hawaii and any business 19 that maintains or otherwise possesses personal information of a 20 21 resident of Hawaii shall take reasonable measures to protect

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- 1 against unauthorized access to or use of the information in
- 2 connection with or after its disposal.
- 3 (b) The reasonable measures shall include:
- (1) Implementing and monitoring compliance with policies and procedures that require the burning, pulverizing, recycling, or shredding of papers containing personal information so that information cannot be practicably
- 8 read or reconstructed;
- 9 (2) Implementing and monitoring compliance with policies
 10 and procedures that require the destruction or erasure
 11 of electronic media and other nonpaper media
 12 containing personal information so that the
 13 information cannot practicably be read or
 14 reconstructed; and
- 15 (3) Describing procedures relating to the adequate
 16 destruction or proper disposal of personal records as
 17 official policy in the writings of the business
 18 entity.
- 19 (c) A business may satisfy its obligation hereunder by
 20 exercising due diligence and entering into a written contract
 21 with, and thereafter monitoring compliance by, another party

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- 1 engaged in the business of record destruction to destroy
- 2 personal information in a manner consistent with this section.
- 3 Due diligence should ordinarily include one or more of the
- 4 following:

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- 5 (1) Reviewing an independent audit of the disposal
 6 business's operations or its compliance with this
 7 statute or its equivalent;
- 9 Several references or other reliable sources and
 10 requiring that the disposal business be certified by a
 11 recognized trade association or similar third party
 12 with a reputation for high standards of quality
 13 review; or
 - (3) Reviewing and evaluating the disposal business's information security policies or procedures, or taking other appropriate measures to determine the competency and integrity of the disposal business.
- (d) A disposal business that conducts business in Hawaii

 or disposes of personal information of residents of Hawaii,

 shall take reasonable measures to dispose of records containing

 personal information by implementing and monitoring compliance

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- 1 with policies and procedures that protect against unauthorized
- 2 access to, or use of, personal information during or after the
- 3 collection and transportation and disposing of such information.
- 4 (e) This chapter shall not apply to any of the following:
 - (1) Any bank or financial institution that is subject to and in compliance with the privacy and security provision of the federal Gramm Leach Bliley Act, 15

U.S.C. sections 6801 to 6809, as amended.

- 9 (2) Any health plan or healthcare provider that is subject
 10 to and in compliance with the standards for privacy of
 11 individually identifiable health information and the
 12 security standards for the protection of electronic
 13 health information of the Health Insurance Portability
 14 and Accountability Act of 1996.
 - (3) Any consumer reporting agency that is subject to and in compliance with the Fair Credit Reporting Act, 15
 U.S.C. sections 1681 to 1681v.
- (f) Any person who violates or attempts to violate any provision of this chapter shall be deemed to have engaged in an unfair or deceptive act or practice in the conduct of trade or commerce within the meaning of section 480-2."

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1	SECTION 3.	This Act shall take	effect upon its approval.
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JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Commerce and Consumer Affairs

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DESTRUCTION OF

PERSONAL INFORMATION RECORDS.

PURPOSE: To require businesses that maintain or possess

personal information of Hawaii residents to protect against unauthorized access to or use of the information after its disposal by destroying

the personal information.

MEANS: Add a new chapter to title 26 of the Hawaii

this practice unlawful.

Revised Statutes.

JUSTIFICATION: This bill is designed to protect confidential

personal information from falling into the hands of identity thieves. A leading source of personal information for identity thieves is business records. Any entity that maintains personal customer information as part of business operations should establish security procedures to maintain the confidentiality and integrity of that data. A critical element of any security plan is the destruction of records containing personal information when they are being discarded. Nationwide there have been repeated instances of businesses simply dumping boxes containing scores of customers' personal information in dumpsters. This bill will make

Impact on the public: This measure will enhance
personal privacy by prohibiting businesses from
disposing of personal data in an improper
manner.

Impact on the department and other agencies:
This bill will assist law enforcement in its battle against identity theft by helping to prevent identity thieves from improperly accessing personal information.

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GENERAL FUND:

None.

OTHER FUNDS:

None.

PPBS PROGRAM

DESIGNATION:

CCA-110.

OTHER AFFECTED

AGENCIES:

Federal Trade Commission; County Police

Departments.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

Upon approval.