## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FIRE PROTECTION.

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

1	SECT	ION 1. Chapter 708, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is							
2	amended b	y adding a new part to be appropriately designated and							
3	to read a	s follows:							
4	"PART . ARSON								
5	§708	- Arson in the first degree. (1) A person commits							
6	the offense of arson in the first degree if the person								
7	intentionally or knowingly sets fire to or causes to be burned								
8	property and:								
9	(a)	Knowingly places another person in danger of death or							
10		bodily injury; or							
11	(b)	Knowingly or recklessly damages the property of							
12		another, without the other's consent, in an amount							
13		exceeding \$20,000.							
14	(2)	Arson in the first degree is a class A felony.							
15	§708	- Arson in the second degree. (1) A person commits							
16	the offen	se of arson in the second degree if the person							
17	intentionally or knowingly sets fire to or causes to be burned								
18	property and:								

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- (a) Recklessly places another person in danger of death or
   bodily injury; or
- 3 (b) Knowingly or recklessly damages the property of
  4 another, without the other's consent, in an amount
  5 exceeding \$1,500.
- 6 (2) Arson in the second degree is a class B felony.
- 7 §708- Arson in the third degree. (1) A person commits
- 8 the offense of arson in the third degree if the person
- 9 intentionally or knowingly sets fire to or causes to be burned
- 10 property and:
- 11 (a) Negligently places another person in danger of death

  12 or bodily injury; or
- 13 (b) Knowingly or recklessly damages the property of
  14 another, without the other's consent, in an amount
  15 exceeding \$500.
- 16 (2) Arson in the third degree is a class C felony.
- 17 §708- Arson in the fourth degree. (1) A person commits
- 18 the offense of arson in the fourth degree if the person
- 19 intentionally or knowingly sets fire to or causes to be burned
- 20 property and thereby damages the property of another without the
- 21 other's consent.
- 22 (2) Arson in the fourth degree is a misdemeanor."

- 1 SECTION 2. Section 708-800, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 2 amended by amending the definition of "widely dangerous means"
- 3 to read as follows:
- 4 ""Widely dangerous means" includes explosion, [fire,]
- 5 flood, avalanche, collapse of building, poison gas, radioactive
- 6 material, or any other material, substance, force, or means
- 7 capable of causing potential widespread injury or damage."
- 8 SECTION 3. Section 708-820, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 9 amended to read as follows:
- 10 "\$708-820 Criminal property damage in the first degree.
- 11 (1) A person commits the offense of criminal property damage in
- 12 the first degree if [:] by means other than fire:
- 13 (a) The person intentionally or knowingly damages property
- 14 and thereby recklessly places another person in danger
- of death or bodily injury; or
- 16 (b) The person intentionally or knowingly damages the
- property of another, without the other's consent, in
- an amount exceeding \$20,000.
- 19 (2) Criminal property damage in the first degree is a
- 20 class B felony."
- 21 SECTION 4. Section 708-821, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 22 amended to read as follows:

1	"§708-821	Criminal	property	damage	in	the	second	degree.
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- 2 (1) A person commits the offense of criminal property damage in
- 3 the second degree if  $[\div]$  by means other than fire:
- 4 (a) The person intentionally or knowingly damages the
- 5 property of another, without the other's consent, by
- 6 the use of widely dangerous means; or
- 7 (b) The person intentionally or knowingly damages the
- 8 property of another, without the other's consent, in
- 9 an amount exceeding \$1,500.
- 10 (2) Criminal property damage in the second degree is a
- 11 class C felony."
- 12 SECTION 5. Section 708-822, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 13 amended to read as follows:
- 14 "\$708-822 Criminal property damage in the third degree.
- 15 (1) A person commits the offense of criminal property damage in
- 16 the third degree if [+] by means other than fire:
- 17 (a) The person recklessly damages the property of another,
- 18 without the other's consent, by the use of widely
- dangerous means; or
- 20 (b) The person intentionally damages the property of
- another, without the other's consent, in an amount
- exceeding \$500.

- 1 (2) Criminal property damage in the third degree is a
- 2 misdemeanor."
- 3 SECTION 6. Section 708-823, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 4 amended to read as follows:
- 5 "§708-823 Criminal property damage in the fourth degree.
- 6 (1) A person commits the offense of criminal property damage in
- 7 the fourth degree if by means other than fire, the person
- 8 intentionally damages the property of another without the
- 9 other's consent.
- 10 (2) Criminal property damage in the fourth degree is a
- 11 petty misdemeanor."
- 12 SECTION 7. Section 708-823.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 13 amended by amending subsection (1) to read as follows:
- 14 "(1) A person commits the offense of aggravated criminal
- 15 property damage if the person[+] by means other than fire:
- 16 (a) Intentionally damages the property of another without
- the other's consent; and
- 18 (b) Has been convicted two or more times of an offense
- under section 708-822 or 708-823 in the preceding five
- 20 years."

- 1 SECTION 8. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
- 2 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
- 3 begun, before its effective date.
- 4 SECTION 9. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 5 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 6 SECTION 10. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

## Report Title:

Arson

## Description:

Creates the crime of arson. (CD1)