# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO BANKS AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to prohibit the use of the name or trademark of a financial institution or its 2 3 affiliates or subsidiaries when marketing or soliciting existing or prospective customers if such marketing materials are used 4 without written permission and in a manner that would lead a 5 6 reasonable person to believe that the material or solicitation 7 originated from a financial institution or its affiliates or 8 subsidiaries. This Act further authorizes a civil penalty of up 9 to \$10,000 for each violation. SECTION 2. Chapter 412, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 10 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated 11 12 and to read as follows: "\$412:1- Financial institution name fraud. (a) No
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- 14 person shall use the name or trademark of a financial
- 15 institution, as defined in section 412:1-109, or its affiliates
- or subsidiaries when marketing or soliciting existing or 16
- 17 prospective customers if the marketing materials are used



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- 1 without the written consent of the financial institution and in
- 2 a manner that would lead a reasonable person to believe that the
- 3 material or solicitation originated from, was endorsed by, is
- 4 related to, or is the responsibility of the financial
- 5 institution or its affiliates or subsidiaries.
- 6 (b) The commissioner may impose a civil penalty of up to
- 7 \$10,000 for each violation of this section."
- 8 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.
- 9 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2112.

### Report Title:

Financial Institution Name Fraud; Banks

### Description:

Prohibits the deceptive use of the name or trademark of a financial institution or its affiliates or subsidiaries. Establishes \$10,000 fine for violations. (HB2254 HD2)