A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO COPPER.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 445-233, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 2 amended to read as follows: 3 "\$445-233 Statement required. [Repeal and reenactment on 4 July 1, 2009. L 2007, c 197, \$7.1 (a) Every scrap dealer, 5 when the dealer purchases scrap within the State, shall obtain a 6 written statement signed by the seller certifying that the 7 seller has the lawful right to sell and dispose of the scrap. 8 This statement shall also contain the seller's name; the 9 seller's business or residence address; the seller's occupation; 10 a description, including serial numbers and other identifying 11 marks, when practical, of every scrap; the amount received by 12 the seller; the date, time, and place of the sale; and the 13 license number of any vehicle used to deliver the property to 14 the place of purchase. 15 If the scrap presented for purchase is copper, in

whole or in part, the seller shall provide a copy of a receipt

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that describes, with particularity:

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              The exact item that is being offered for sale;
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              Who issued the receipt;
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         (3)
              The date of sale of the item prior to the item's being
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              offered to the scrap dealer; and
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              The price, if any, of the item when obtained by the
         (4)
              seller.
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              If a receipt is not available, the seller shall
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    provide to the scrap dealer a [notarized] declaration,
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    describing with particularity:
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         (1)
              The exact item that is being offered for sale;
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              Who sold or otherwise transferred the item to the
         (2)
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              seller;
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              The date of sale of the item; and
         (3)
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         (4)
              The price, if any, of the item when obtained by the
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              seller.
              If the seller does not provide a copy of the receipt
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    or the [notarized] declaration as required by subsections (b)
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    and (c), the scrap dealer shall not purchase the copper, in
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    whole or in part, and shall report the attempted sale to the
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- 1 If the scrap dealer purchases any copper, in whole or
- 2 in part, the scrap dealer shall take a photograph or photographs
- 3 of all of the copper offered for sale.
- 4 The scrap dealer shall also require the seller to
- 5 verify the seller's identity by presenting a valid photo
- identification card or license issued by a federal or state 6
- 7 government agency authorized to issue such identification. If
- 8 the scrap being offered for sale is copper, in whole or in part,
- 9 the scrap dealer shall:
- 10 (1)Take a photograph of the seller; or
- 11 Make a photocopy of the identification card or license (2)
- 12 of the seller.
- 13 The scrap dealer shall keep at the dealer's place of (a)
- 14 business the signed written statement, the receipt or
- 15 [notarized] declaration required by subsections (b) and (c), the
- 16 photographs required by subsection (e), and the photocopy of the
- 17 identification card or license and photograph of the seller
- 18 required by subsection (f), if applicable, from the seller for a
- 19 period of two years after the date of purchase and the
- 20 statement, the receipt or [notarized] declaration required by
- 21 subsections (b) and (c), the photographs required by subsection
- 22 (e), and the photocopy and photograph required by subsection

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- ${f 1}$ (f), if applicable, may be examined at any time by the
- 2 treasurer, the chief of police, the attorney general, the
- 3 prosecuting attorney, or their designees.
- 4 (h) Public utilities, as defined in section 269-1, shall
- 5 be exempt from the requirements of subsections (b) and (c).
- 6 When the seller is a public utility, the scrap dealer shall not
- 7 be required to obtain the statement required by subsection (a),
- 8 and the scrap dealer shall not be prohibited by subsection (d)
- 9 from purchasing the copper from the public utility."
- 10 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 11 and stricken.
- 12 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Scrap copper; notarized declarations

Description:

Repeals the requirement that sellers of scrap copper obtain notarized declarations.

