A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EVIDENCE.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Act 210, Session Laws of Hawaii 2008 (Act 210),
- 2 established a limited news media privilege against the compelled
- 3 disclosure of sources and unpublished information to a
- 4 legislative, executive, or judicial officer or body, or to any
- 5 other person with the power to compel testimony. Act 210 is
- 6 scheduled to sunset on June 30, 2011.
- 7 The purpose of this Act is to make the news media privilege
- 8 permanent by repealing the scheduled sunset of Act 210.
- 9 SECTION 2. Act 210, Session Laws of Hawaii 2008, is
- 10 amended by amending section 3 to read as follows:
- "SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval[7]
- 12 and shall be repealed on June 30, 2011]."
- 13 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 14 and stricken.
- 15 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on June 29, 2011.

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Report Title:

News Media Privilege; Evidence

Description:

Makes permanent the limited news media privilege against the compelled disclosure of sources and unpublished information.

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