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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO RECORDS IN A CRIMINAL CASE.

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

- 1 The legislature finds that many businesses and 2 individuals providing goods or services to Hawaii now operate 3 nationally or globally and often maintain their business records 4 outside the State. The ability of law enforcement agencies to 5 perform their duties often depends upon obtaining business 6 records located outside the State including, for example, 7 personal information from an internet protocol address stored 8 with an out-of-state internet service provider. The inability 9 to obtain records located outside the State affects law 10 enforcement's ability to enforce Hawaii's criminal laws and therefore affects the deterrence value arising from criminal 11 12 prosecution. Combating crime requires that all persons who
- 13 possess records relevant to a criminal investigation comply with
- 14 the legal process.
- 15 The purpose of this Act is to provide a process to obtain
- 16 records located outside the State in a criminal proceeding.

1	SECT	ION 2. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by
2	adding a	new chapter to be appropriately designated and to read
3	as follow	s:
4		"CHAPTER
5		OBTAINING RECORDS BY CRIMINAL PROCESS
6	S	-1 Definitions. As used in this chapter, unless the
7	context o	therwise requires:
8	"Adv	erse result" has the same meaning as in section
9	803-47.8(b).
10	"App	licant" means a law enforcement officer, attorney, or
11	defendant	who is seeking criminal process under section -2.
12	"Cri	minal process" means:
13	(1)	A search warrant issued pursuant to chapter 621 or
14		803; or
15	(2)	Any other legal process signed by a judge or clerk of
16		the district or circuit court and issued in a criminal
17		matter that authorizes a search for or commands
18		production of records that are in the actual or
19		constructive possession of the recipient, regardless
20		of whether the recipient or the records are physically
21		located within the State.

- "Recipient" means a person, as defined in section 1-19, 1 2 that has conducted business or engaged in transactions occurring 3 at least in part in the State and that has been served with a 4 criminal process. 5 "Records" means any material on which written, drawn, 6 spoken, visual, or electromagnetic information is recorded or 7 preserved, regardless of physical form or characteristics. 8 Issuance of criminal process. A judge of the 9 district or circuit court may issue any criminal process to any 10 recipient at any address, within or outside the State, for any matter over which the court has criminal jurisdiction pursuant 11 12 to section 701-106. This section does not limit a court's 13 authority to issue warrants or legal process under any other 14 provision of law. 15 -3 Production of records. (a) This section shall 16 apply to any criminal process allowing for search of or 17 commanding production of records that are in the actual or
- 18 constructive possession of a recipient who receives service
- 19 outside the State, regardless of whether the recipient or the
- 20 records are physically located within the State.
- 21 (b) When served with criminal process issued under this
- 22 section, the recipient shall provide the applicant all records



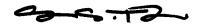
- 1 that are in the actual or constructive possession of the
- 2 recipient, regardless of whether the recipient or the records
- 3 are physically located within the State. The records shall be
- 4 produced within twenty business days of receipt of the criminal
- 5 process, unless the process requires earlier production. An
- 6 applicant may consent to a recipient's request for additional
- 7 time to comply with the criminal process.
- 8 (c) Criminal process issued under this section shall
- 9 contain the following language in bold type on the first page of
- 10 the document: "This subpoena is issued pursuant to chapter
- 11 Hawaii Revised Statutes. A response is due within twenty
- 12 business days of receipt, unless a shorter time is stated
- 13 herein, or the applicant consents to a recipient's request for
- 14 additional time to comply."
- 15 (d) If the court finds that failure to produce records
- 16 within twenty business days would cause an adverse result, the
- 17 issuance of criminal process may require production of records
- 18 within less than twenty business days. The court may reasonably
- 19 extend the time required for production of the records upon
- 20 finding that the recipient has shown good cause for the
- 21 extension and that an extension of time would not cause an
- 22 adverse result.

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- 1 (e) When served with criminal process issued under this
- 2 section, a recipient who seeks to quash the criminal process
- 3 shall seek relief from the court that issued the criminal
- 4 process within the time originally required for production of
- 5 records. The court shall hear and decide the motion no later
- 6 than five days after the motion is filed.
- 7 (f) Failure of a recipient to comply with a criminal
- 8 process commanding a production of records under this section
- 9 shall be guilty of criminal contempt of court under section
- 10 710-1077.
- 11 § -4 Certification of records. The recipient of
- 12 criminal process shall provide certification that complies with
- 13 rule 902(11), Hawaii Rules of Evidence, or other statute
- 14 permitting certification.
- 15 § -5 Immunity from liability. Any recipient responding
- 16 in good faith to a criminal process shall be immune from any
- 17 liability, civil or criminal, that might otherwise be incurred,
- 18 imposed, or result from the acts or omissions to comply with the
- 19 criminal process."
- 20 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Criminal Process Records; Subpoena; Out-of-State Records

Description:

Establishes a procedure for law enforcement and attorneys in a criminal case to obtain records located out-of-state.

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