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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THEFT.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that transmission of
- 2 energy is necessary for the well being of the State and its
- 3 communities, and that copper wire is the most efficient means of
- 4 transmitting energy. However, theft of copper wire is a
- 5 continuing problem that jeopardizes the well being of the State
- 6 and its communities.
- 7 The purpose of this Act is to establish that theft of
- 8 copper is a class A felony if the copper is owned by the State
- 9 or counties or is located on state or county property.
- 10 SECTION 2. Section 708-835.7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 11 amended by amending subsection (2) to read as follows:
- "(2) Theft of copper is a class C felony[-]; provided that
- 13 theft of copper wire owned by the State or counties or located
- 14 on state or county property is a class A felony."
- 15 SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
- 16 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
- 17 begun before its effective date.

- 1 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 3 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Copper Wire; Theft; Class A Felony

Description:

Establishes that theft of copper wire owned by the State or counties or located on state or county property is a class A felony.

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