
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PORNOGRAPHY.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 712-1210, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new definition to be appropriately inserted
3 and to read as follows:

4 "In loco parentis" means a situation in which a person who
5 is a non-parent or legal guardian of a minor stands in place of
6 a parent when:

7 (1) The person assumes the obligations incidental to
8 parental relations without legally adopting the minor;
9 or

10 (2) The person voluntarily performs duties that are
11 parental in nature to generally provide for the
12 minor."

13 SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
14 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
15 begun before its effective date.

16 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

17 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.



Report Title:

Penal Code; Obscenity; In Loco Parentis; Promoting Pornography
for Minors

Description:

Defines "in loco parentis" for purposes of exemption under
Hawaii's obscenity laws. Effective 7/1/2025. (HD2 PROPOSED)

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