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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PROPERTY CRIMES.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii has a high  
2 property crime rate, and law enforcement officers are tasked  
3 with locating, identifying, and recovering stolen property, and  
4 returning the stolen property to the rightful owner. The  
5 legislature also finds that existing law does not adequately  
6 address situations in which an offender takes the property of  
7 another and subsequently sells the stolen item to a pawnbroker  
8 or secondhand dealer, as described in chapter 486M, Hawaii  
9 Revised Statutes. Criminals have successfully profited from  
10 selling or pawning property that was stolen from homes or  
11 vehicles and have disguised these transactions as legitimate  
12 business dealings. The legislature intends to ensure that  
13 pawnbrokers and secondhand dealer businesses, as potential  
14 purchasers of these goods, are transparent and fully accountable  
15 for all of their respective business dealings.

16           Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to clarify the  
17 state of mind required for section 486M-7, Hawaii Revised



1 Statutes, to deter movement of stolen property and extend  
2 penalties to any person who intentionally or knowingly violates  
3 certain laws relating to pawnbrokers and secondhand dealers.

4 SECTION 2. Section 486M-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
5 amended to read as follows:

6 "§486M-7 Penalties. Any dealer, or any agent, employee,  
7 or representative of a dealer who intentionally or knowingly  
8 violates any of the provisions of sections 486M-2, 486M-3, or  
9 486M-4, or who refuses to allow the inspection provided for in  
10 section 486M-5, and any person who offers or records information  
11 [~~which~~] that is required under section 486M-2 that the person  
12 knows or has reason to know is false, shall be guilty of a  
13 misdemeanor. Any dealer, or any agent, employee, or  
14 representative of a dealer who is convicted for a second  
15 violation of any provision of this chapter shall, in addition to  
16 the foregoing penalty, be permanently prohibited from engaging  
17 in the business of buying or selling of precious or semiprecious  
18 metals or precious or semiprecious gems or any article."

19 SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that  
20 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were  
21 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.



**Report Title:**

Honolulu Police Department Package; Penal Code; Pawnbrokers;  
Secondhand Dealers; Penalties

**Description:**

Changes the state of mind required for section 486M-7, Hawaii  
Revised Statutes, penalties to intentionally or knowingly.  
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