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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF PROPERTY.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 708-800, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending the definition of "property" to read as  
3 follows:

4           ""Property" means any money, personal property, real  
5 property, thing in action, evidence of debt or contract, or  
6 article of value of any kind[-], and includes property that is  
7 stored in an electronic medium and is retrievable in a  
8 perceivable form. Commodities of a public utility nature such  
9 as gas, electricity, steam, and water constitute property, but  
10 the supplying of such a commodity to premises from an outside  
11 source by means of wires, pipes, conduits, or other equipment  
12 shall be deemed a rendition of a service rather than a sale or  
13 delivery of property."

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



1 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

3 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Honolulu Prosecuting Attorney Package; Penal Code; Property Crimes; Electronic Mediums

**Description:**

Updates the definition of "property" as it relates to offenses against property rights under the penal code to expressly include property stored in an electronic medium. Effective 1/1/2050. (HD1)

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