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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE CRIMINAL DESTRUCTION OF TREES.

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

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 708, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
3 and to read as follows:

4           "§708- Criminal destruction of a tree on state or county  
5 property. (1) A person commits the offense of criminal  
6 destruction of a tree on state or county property if, by means  
7 other than fire, the person intentionally or knowingly fells,  
8 injures, or destroys a tree growing or standing upon state or  
9 county property to the point of it having no value, or  
10 substantially damages the potential value of a tree growing or  
11 standing upon state or county property without the consent of  
12 the state or county on which the tree stands.

13           (2) Criminal destruction of a tree on state or county  
14 property is a misdemeanor.

15           (3) In addition to any penalty prescribed in this chapter  
16 a person found guilty of violating this section shall also be



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1 required to pay the state or county an amount equal to the  
2 replacement value of the tree as determined by an arborist."

3 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

4 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Report Title:**

Criminal Destruction of Trees; State or County Property;  
Misdemeanor

**Description:**

Establishes a criminal statute for the criminal destruction of a tree on state or county property punishable as a misdemeanor.

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