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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:

8           (a) Intentionally or knowingly fells, injures, or destroys  
9 a tree growing or standing upon state or county  
10 property to the point of it having no value; or

11           (b) Substantially damages the potential value of a tree  
12 growing or standing upon state or county property  
13 without the consent of the state or county on which  
14 the tree stands.

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



1       (3) In addition to any penalty prescribed in this chapter  
2 a person found guilty of violating this section shall also be  
3 required to pay the State or county an amount equal to the  
4 replacement value of the tree as determined by an arborist."

5       SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that  
6 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were  
7 begun before its effective date.

8       SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

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



# S.B. NO. <sup>777</sup> S.D. 1

**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.  
(SD1)

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