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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MAIL THEFT.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the ongoing COVID-19  
2 pandemic has changed the way many families rely on delivery  
3 services. There has been a major increase in the amount of  
4 online orders being placed, and subsequently fulfilled by  
5 shipping items through the mail. Most packages sent through the  
6 mail are left outside the door at their intended destination if  
7 there is no mail receptacle large enough for the package on  
8 site.

9           The legislature further finds that reports of mail theft  
10 are on the rise. When mail carriers leave packages by doors or  
11 in otherwise unsecured mail receptacles, the packages are  
12 susceptible to theft, leading to frustration from both senders  
13 and intended recipients.

14           The purpose of this Act is to establish the criminal  
15 offense of mail theft.



1 SECTION 2. Section 780, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended  
2 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to  
3 read as follows:

4 "[§780 - ] Mail theft. (1) For the purpose of this section:

5 "Mail" means a package, bag, box, or other sealed article  
6 that:

7 (a) is delivered by a common carrier or delivery service  
8 and not yet received by the addressee; or

9 (b) has been left to be collected for delivery by a common  
10 carrier or delivery service.

11 (2) A person commits an offense of mail theft if the person  
12 intentionally appropriates mail from another person's mailbox or  
13 premises without the effective consent of the addressee and with  
14 the intent to deprive that addressee of the mail.

15 SECTION 3. Violation of this section shall be a class C  
16 felony.

17 SECTION 4. In codifying the new sections, the revisor of  
18 statutes shall substitute the appropriate section number for the  
19 letters used in designating the new sections in this Act.

20 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
21 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.



1 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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# H.B. NO. 2213

**Report Title:**

Mail theft

**Description:**

Establishes the new criminal offense of mail theft.

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