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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC TRANSIT.

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

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 711, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
3 and to read as follows:

4           "§711-           Interference with the operation of a public  
5 transit vehicle. (1) A person commits the offense of  
6 interference with the operation of a public transit vehicle if  
7 the person intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly causes:

8           (a) Damage of a public transit vehicle, resulting in the  
9           vehicle's removal from service; or

10           (b) The unreasonable interruption of a public transit  
11           system or service.

12           (2) As used in this section, "public transit vehicle"  
13 includes:

14           (a) Any public paratransit vehicle providing service to  
15           the disabled;



1        (b) Any transit vehicle used for the transportation of  
2        passengers in return for legally charged fees or  
3        fares, including any taxi; and

4        (c) Any transit vehicle owned or operated by a government  
5        entity, including any school bus.

6        (3) Interference with the operation of a public transit  
7        vehicle shall be a violation; provided that interference with  
8        the operation of a public transit vehicle that results in  
9        serious bodily injury to, or death of, any person, shall be a  
10       class C felony."

11       SECTION 2. Section 711-1112, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
12       amended by amending subsections (1) and (2) to read as follows:

13       "(1) A person commits the offense of interference with the  
14       operator of a public transit vehicle if the person interferes  
15       with [~~the operation of a public transit vehicle~~] or lessens the  
16       ability of the operator to operate the public transit vehicle  
17       by:

18       (a) Intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly causing bodily  
19       injury to the operator of the public transit vehicle;  
20       or



1 (b) Threatening, by word or conduct, to cause bodily  
2 injury to the operator of the public transit vehicle  
3 with the intent to terrorize, or in reckless disregard  
4 of the risk of terrorizing the operator of the public  
5 transit vehicle.

6 (2) For the purposes of this section, "public transit  
7 vehicle" [~~is a~~] means:

8 (a) Any public paratransit vehicle providing service to  
9 the disabled[~~, any~~];

10 (b) Any transit vehicle used for the transportation of  
11 passengers in return for legally charged fees or  
12 fares, including any taxi; or

13 (c) Any transit vehicle owned or operated by a government  
14 entity, including any school bus[~~, or any taxi~~]."

15 SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that  
16 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were  
17 begun before its effective date.

18 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
19 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

20 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on June 30, 3000.



**Report Title:**

City and County of Honolulu Package; Penal Code; Public Transit;  
Interference; Offense

**Description:**

Establishes the offense of interference with the operation of a public transit vehicle. Makes clarifying and conforming amendments to the offense of interference with the operator of a public transit vehicle. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)

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