
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the proliferation of
2 unmanned aircraft systems, commonly called drones, has led to
3 privacy and public safety concerns for individuals, especially
4 when the drones are flown over their property. The legislature
5 further finds that Hawai'i's laws do not adequately address these
6 situations and that some states, including Louisiana, South
7 Dakota, Tennessee, and Virginia have enacted laws that prohibit
8 trespassing on private property with a drone.

9 The purpose of this Act is to establish the offense of
10 trespass with an unmanned aircraft system.

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

14 "§711- Trespass with an unmanned aircraft system. (1)

15 A person commits the offense of trespass with an unmanned
16 aircraft system if the person intentionally causes an unmanned
17 aircraft system to:



1 (a) Cross the property line of another and come within
2 fifty feet of a dwelling to coerce, intimidate, or
3 harass another person or, after having been given
4 actual notice to desist, for any other reason; or

5 (b) Take off or land in violation of current Federal
6 Aviation Administration special security instructions
7 or unmanned aircraft systems security sensitive
8 airspace restrictions.

9 (2) This section shall not apply if:

10 (a) Consent was given to the entry by any person with
11 legal authority to consent or by any person who is
12 lawfully present on the property; or

13 (b) The person was authorized by federal regulations to
14 operate an unmanned aircraft system and was operating
15 the system in an otherwise lawful manner and
16 consistent with federal regulations.

17 (3) Trespass with an unmanned aircraft system is a
18 misdemeanor."

19 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

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



Report Title:

Drones; Unmanned Aircraft System; Trespass; Penalty

Description:

Establishes the offense of trespass with an unmanned aircraft system as a misdemeanor. (HD2)

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