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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO IMAGE-BASED SEXUAL ABUSE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that image-based sexual  
2 abuse is a form of technology-facilitated abuse that involves  
3 the nonconsensual use of intimate or private images to control,  
4 manipulate, or harm a victim. Online predators, often motivated  
5 by money, power, control, or sexual gratification, use online  
6 platforms to anonymously perpetrate image-based sexual abuse,  
7 targeting vulnerable individuals to meet the perpetrator's  
8 demands for money, sexual acts, and additional intimate or  
9 private images, which can include images of self-harm.  
10 Financial blackmail schemes involving sexual extortion through  
11 the nonconsensual disclosure of intimate or private images  
12 result in tragic and, at times, fatal results for the victims of  
13 these schemes and may cause victims to experience significant  
14 harm, including depression, fear, anxiety, damage to reputation,  
15 social isolation, financial devastation, and suicide.  
16 The legislature further finds that offender accountability  
17 is necessary to shine the light on those who would hide behind



1 computers, mobile phones, or other electronic devices to prey  
2 upon vulnerable individuals in the community.

3 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to establish the  
4 felony offense of nonconsensual disclosure of intimate or  
5 private images.

6 SECTION 2. Chapter 711, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
7 amended by adding a new section to part I to be appropriately  
8 designated and to read as follows:

9        "§711- Nonconsensual disclosure of intimate or private  
10 images. (1) A person commits the offense of nonconsensual  
11 disclosure of intimate or private images if:

12        (a) The person intentionally or knowingly discloses or  
13 threatens to disclose an intimate or private image or  
14 video of another identifiable person without consent  
15 and with the intent to compel or attempt to compel the  
16 person depicted in the intimate or private image or  
17 video:

18        (i) To do or refrain from doing any act against the  
19 person's will;  
20        (ii) To provide additional intimate or private images;  
21        (iii) To engage in sexual acts;





1        "Minor" means any person under the age of eighteen years.

2        "Private image" means any digital image, photograph, or

3        live or recorded video that depicts a person committing acts of

4        self-harm, self-mutilation, or other self-injury that results in

5        bodily injury.

6        "Self harm" means bodily injury, substantial bodily injury

7        as defined in 707-700, serious bodily injury as defined in

8        section 707-700, or death.

9        "Vulnerable adult" has the same meaning as in section

10      346-222."

11       SECTION 3. Section 706-662, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is

12       amended to read as follows:

13       **"§706-662 Criteria for extended terms of imprisonment.** A

14       defendant who has been convicted of a felony may be subject to

15       an extended term of imprisonment under section 706-661 if it is

16       proven beyond a reasonable doubt that an extended term of

17       imprisonment is necessary for the protection of the public and

18       that the convicted defendant satisfies one or more of the

19       following criteria:

20       (1) The defendant is a persistent offender in that the

21       defendant has previously been convicted of two or more



3 (2) The defendant is a professional criminal in that:

4 (a) The circumstances of the crime show that the  
5 defendant has knowingly engaged in criminal  
6 activity as a major source of livelihood; or

7 (b) The defendant has substantial income or resources  
8 not explained to be derived from a source other  
9 than criminal activity;

10 (3) The defendant is a dangerous person in that the  
11 defendant has been subjected to a psychiatric or  
12 psychological evaluation that documents a significant  
13 history of dangerousness to others resulting in  
14 criminally violent conduct, and this history makes the  
15 defendant a serious danger to others. Nothing in this  
16 section precludes the introduction of victim-related  
17 data to establish dangerousness in accord with the  
18 Hawaii rules of evidence;

**19** (4) The defendant is a multiple offender in that:



1 (a) The defendant is being sentenced for two or more  
2 felonies or is already under sentence of  
3 imprisonment for any felony; or  
4 (b) The maximum terms of imprisonment authorized for  
5 each of the defendant's crimes, if made to run  
6 consecutively, would equal or exceed in length  
7 the maximum of the extended term imposed or would  
8 equal or exceed forty years if the extended term  
9 imposed is for a class A felony;

10 (5) The defendant is an offender against the elderly, the  
11 handicapped, or a minor eight years of age or younger  
12 in that:

13 (a) The defendant attempts or commits any of the  
14 following crimes: murder, manslaughter, a sexual  
15 offense that constitutes a felony under chapter  
16 707, robbery, felonious assault, burglary, or  
17 kidnapping; and

18 (b) The defendant, in the course of committing or  
19 attempting to commit the crime, inflicts serious  
20 or substantial bodily injury upon a person who  
21 has the status of being:







1 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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**Report Title:**

Nonconsensual Disclosure of Intimate or Private Images

**Description:**

Establishes the nonconsensual disclosure of intimate or private images as a criminal offense. Amends the criteria for an extended term of imprisonment to include an offender whose act of attempting to commit or committing the nonconsensual disclosure of intimate or private images against a minor or vulnerable adult resulted in the victim's death.

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