

JAN 23 2026

S.B. NO. 2983

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO NATURAL RESOURCES.

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 intentionally or knowingly fells,
8 injures, or destroys a tree growing or standing upon state or
9 county property to the point of it having no value, or
10 substantially damages the potential value of a tree growing or
11 standing upon state or county property without the consent of
12 the state or county on which the tree stands.

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

15 (3) In addition to any penalty prescribed in this chapter,
16 a person found guilty of violating this section shall also be



1 required to pay to the State or county an amount equal to the
2 replacement value of the tree as determined by an arborist."

3 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

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

5

INTRODUCED BY:



S.B. NO. 2987

Report Title:

Criminal Destruction of Trees; State or County Property;
Misdemeanor

Description:

Establishes the offense of criminal destruction of a tree on
state or county property, punishable as a misdemeanor.

*The summary description of legislation appearing on this page is for informational purposes only and is
not legislation or evidence of legislative intent.*

