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# 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 so as to substantially diminish the value of the  
10 tree, or substantially damages the potential value of a tree  
11 growing or standing upon state or county property, without the  
12 consent of 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  
17 required to pay to the State or county an amount equal to the



1 replacement value of the tree, as determined by an arborist  
2 designated by the appropriate state or county agency."

3 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

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



**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. (CD1)

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