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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DEFAMATION.

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

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 663, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
3 and to read as follows:

4           "§663-   Publication in defamation actions.   In a  
5 defamation action, communication of a defamatory statement by  
6 telephone, facsimile, or electronic mail transmission or any  
7 other computer communication, shall be sufficient to meet the  
8 requirement of publication."

9           SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that  
10 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were  
11 begun, before its effective date.

12           SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

13           SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Defamation; Publication

**Description:**

Establishes that communication of defamatory statements by telephone, facsimile, electronic mail, or other computer communication meets the requirement of publication.

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