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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES.

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

- 1           SECTION 1. Section 707-701, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (1) to read as follows:
- 3           "(1) A person commits the offense of murder in the first  
4 degree if the person intentionally or knowingly causes the death  
5 of:
- 6           (a) More than one person in the same or separate incident;  
7           (b) A law enforcement officer, judge, or prosecutor  
8                 arising out of the performance of official duties;  
9           (c) ~~A~~ A person known by the defendant to be a witness in a  
10                 criminal prosecution or in a proceeding pursuant to  
11                 section 571-11(1), and the killing is related to the  
12                 person's status as a witness;
- 13           (d) A person by a hired killer, in which event both the  
14                 person hired and the person responsible for hiring the  
15                 killer shall be punished under this section; or  
16           (e) A person while the defendant was imprisoned."



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

4 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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**Report Title:**

Criminal Offenses; Murder; Family Court Proceedings

**Description:**

Amends the offense of first degree murder to include causing the death of a person who is a witness to a family court proceeding.

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