



GOV. MSG. NO. 1216

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
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NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
GOVERNOR

June 14, 2011

The Honorable Shan Tsutsui, President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

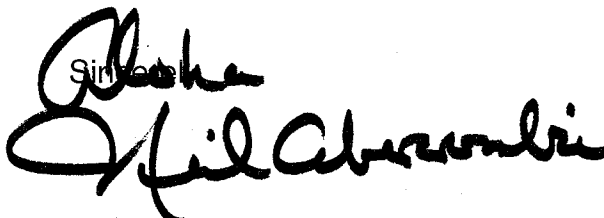
The Honorable Calvin Say, Speaker  
and Members of the House  
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Tsutsui, Speaker Say and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 14, 2011, the following bill was signed into law:

HB1376 SD1

RELATING TO EVIDENCE  
Act 113 (11)



NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
Governor, State of Hawaii

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EVIDENCE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Act 210, Session  
2 Laws of Hawaii 2008 (Act 210), established a limited news media  
3 privilege against the compelled disclosure of sources and  
4 unpublished information to a legislative, executive, or judicial  
5 officer or body, or to any other person who may compel  
6 testimony. Act 210 is scheduled to be repealed on June 30,  
7 2011.

8 The purpose of this Act is to extend the news media  
9 privilege to June 30, 2013.

10 SECTION 2. Act 210, Session Laws of Hawaii 2008, is  
11 amended by amending section 3 to read as follows:

12 "SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval  
13 and shall be repealed on June 30, [~~2011-~~] 2013."

14 SECTION 3. The judiciary, through its standing committee  
15 on rules of evidence, shall report to the legislature no later  
16 than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session  
17 of 2012, the following information or recommendations:

18 (1) Whether or not to:



- 1 (A) Retain the current statutory enactment of Act
- 2 210, Session Laws of Hawaii 2008 (Act 210), under
- 3 chapter 621, Hawaii Revised Statutes, relating to
- 4 evidence and witnesses;
- 5 (B) Codify Act 210 under chapter 626, Hawaii Revised
- 6 Statutes, the Hawaii Rules of Evidence; or
- 7 (C) Allow Act 210 to be repealed.
- 8 (2) Other states that have enacted legislation that is
- 9 similar to Act 210 and a citation to any enacted
- 10 legislation;
- 11 (3) The effects of Act 210 on the media and the
- 12 prosecution of cases; and
- 13 (4) Any proposed legislation to amend Act 210.

14 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
15 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

16 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on June 29, 2011.

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APPROVED this 14 day of JUN, 2011

  
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

