
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PRODUCTION OF RECORDS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that many businesses,
2 associations, and organizations providing goods and services to
3 the public, conducting other activity in the State of Hawaii, or
4 otherwise affecting residents of Hawaii, now operate nationally
5 or globally, and many maintain their business records in a
6 location outside the State. The legislature further finds that
7 such records may pose significant evidence in criminal
8 investigations or litigation taking place in Hawaii. Crimes
9 result in significant harm and losses to citizens, businesses,
10 associations, and other organizations victimized, and affects
11 the larger public indirectly when those entities must raise
12 prices to cover losses. In order to effectively investigate and
13 litigate these crimes, Hawaii's law enforcement agencies,
14 prosecutors, and criminal defense attorneys must be able to
15 obtain records relevant to all crimes occurring here, and must
16 be able to use those records in court. Thus, Hawaii's courts
17 must have the ability to order the production of records by all
18 who possess records relevant to a criminal investigation or



1 litigation taking place here, whether such records are kept in-
2 state or out-of-state.

3 SECTION 2. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by
4 adding a new chapter to be appropriately designated and to read
5 as follows:

6 "CHAPTER

7 CRIMINAL PROCESS RECORDS

8 § -1 Definitions. The following terms whenever used
9 and referred to in this chapter shall have the following
10 meanings unless a different meaning is clearly apparent from the
11 context:

12 "Adverse result" includes one or more of the following
13 possible consequences:

- 14 (1) Danger to the life or physical safety of an
15 individual;
- 16 (2) A flight from prosecution;
- 17 (3) The destruction of, potential loss of, or tampering
18 with evidence;
- 19 (4) The intimidation of potential witnesses; or
- 20 (5) Jeopardy to an investigation or undue delay of a
21 trial.



1 "Applicant" means a law enforcement officer, prosecuting
2 attorney or deputy prosecuting attorney, attorney general or
3 deputy attorney general, or defense attorney who is seeking
4 criminal process under section -2.

5 "Criminal process" means a search warrant or legal process
6 issued pursuant to chapter 621, chapter 622, and chapter 803;
7 the Hawaii Rules of Penal Procedure; and any other legal process
8 signed by a judge or clerk of the district or circuit court and
9 issued in a criminal matter which allows the search for or
10 commands production of records that are in the actual or
11 constructive possession of the recipient, regardless of whether
12 the recipient or the records are physically located within the
13 State.

14 "Defense attorney" means an attorney of record for a person
15 charged with a crime, when such attorney is seeking the issuance
16 of criminal process for the defense of said criminal case.

17 "Properly served" means delivery by hand or in a manner
18 reasonably allowing for proof of delivery if delivered by United
19 States mail, overnight delivery service, or facsimile to the
20 recipient addressee of criminal process.

21 "Recipient" means a person, as defined in section 701-118,
22 or a business, as defined in section 487J-1, that has conducted



1 business or engaged in transactions occurring at least in part
2 in this State upon whom criminal process issued under this
3 chapter is properly served.

4 § -2 Production of records. (a) This section shall
5 apply to any criminal process allowing for search of or
6 commanding production of records that are in the actual or
7 constructive possession of a recipient who receives service
8 outside Hawaii, regardless of whether the recipient or the
9 records are physically located within the State.

10 (b) When properly served with criminal process issued
11 under this section, the recipient shall provide the applicant
12 all records sought pursuant to the criminal process. The
13 records shall be produced within twenty business days of service
14 of the criminal process, unless the process requires earlier
15 production. An applicant may consent to a recipient's request
16 for additional time to comply with the criminal process.

17 (c) Criminal process issued under this section must
18 contain the following language in bold type on the first page of
19 the document: "This [warrant, subpoena, order] is issued
20 pursuant to HRS § -2. Production is due within twenty
21 business days of service, unless a shorter time is stated



1 herein, or the applicant consents to a recipient's request for
2 additional time to comply."

3 (d) If the issuing court finds reason to suspect that
4 failure to produce records within twenty business days would
5 cause an adverse result, the criminal process may require
6 production of records within less than twenty business days.
7 The court may reasonably extend the time required for production
8 of the records upon finding that the recipient has shown good
9 cause for that extension and that an extension of time would not
10 cause an adverse result.

11 (e) When properly served with criminal process issued
12 under this section, a recipient who seeks to quash the criminal
13 process must seek relief from the issuing court, within the time
14 originally required for production of records. The court shall
15 hear and decide the motion no later than five court days after
16 the motion is filed. An applicant's consent, under subsection
17 (b) of this section, to a recipient's request for additional
18 time to comply with the criminal process does not extend the
19 date by which a recipient must seek the relief designated in
20 this section.

21 § -3 Authenticity of records; verification; affidavit,
22 declaration, or certification. (a) Upon written request from



1 the applicant, or if ordered by the issuing court, the recipient
2 of criminal process shall verify the authenticity of records
3 that it produces by providing an affidavit or declaration that
4 complies with subsection (b) of this section. The requirements
5 of rule 902(11) of the Hawaii Rules of Evidence regarding
6 business records as evidence may be satisfied by an affidavit or
7 declaration that complies with subsection (b) of this section,
8 without the need for testimony from the custodian of records,
9 regardless of whether the business records were produced by a
10 foreign or Hawaii state entity.

11 (b) To be admissible without testimony from the custodian
12 of records, business records must be accompanied by an affidavit
13 or declaration from its records custodian or other qualified
14 person, including contact information for the witness completing
15 the document and attestation to the following:

16 (1) The witness is the custodian of the record or sets
17 forth evidence that the witness is qualified to
18 testify about the record;

19 (2) The record was made at or near the time of the act,
20 condition, or event set forth in the record by, or
21 from information transmitted by, a person with
22 knowledge of those matters;



- 1 (3) The record was kept in the course of the regularly
2 conducted activity;
- 3 (4) The record was made by the regularly conducted
4 activity as a regular practice;
- 5 (5) The identity of the record and the mode of its
6 preparation; and
- 7 (6) Either that the record is the original or that it is a
8 duplicate that accurately reproduces the original.
- 9 (c) A party intending to offer a record into evidence
10 under this section must provide written notice of that intention
11 to all adverse parties, and must make the record and affidavit
12 or declaration available for inspection sufficiently in advance
13 of their offer into evidence to provide an adverse party with a
14 fair opportunity to challenge them. A motion opposing admission
15 in evidence of the record shall be made and determined by the
16 issuing court before trial and with sufficient time to allow the
17 party offering the record to, if the motion is granted, produce
18 the custodian of the record or other qualified person at trial,
19 without creating hardship on the party or on the custodian or
20 other qualified person.
- 21 (d) Failure by a party to timely file a motion under
22 subsection (c) of this section shall constitute a waiver of



1 objection to admission of the evidence, but the court for good
2 cause shown may grant relief from the waiver. When the court
3 grants relief from the waiver, and thereafter determines the
4 custodian of the record shall appear, a continuance of the trial
5 may be granted to provide the proponent of the record sufficient
6 time to arrange for the necessary witness to appear.

7 (e) Nothing in this section precludes either party from
8 calling the custodian of the record or other witness to testify
9 regarding the record.

10 § -4 Service of process issued by or in another state.
11 When a Hawaii recipient is served with process issued by or in
12 another state, and such process on its face purports to be valid
13 criminal process, the Hawaii recipient shall comply with that
14 process as if that process had been issued by a Hawaii court.

15 § -5 Recipients' immunity from liability. A recipient
16 of criminal process or process under this chapter, and any other
17 person that responds to such process is immune from civil and
18 criminal liability for complying with the process, and for any
19 failure to provide notice of any disclosure to the person who is
20 the subject of or identified in the disclosure.

21 § -6 Issuance of criminal process. A judge of the
22 district or circuit court may issue any criminal process to any



1 recipient at any address within or out of the State, for any
2 matter over which the court has criminal jurisdiction pursuant
3 to section 701-106. This section does not limit a court's
4 authority to issue warrants or legal process under other
5 provisions of state law."

6 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2012.

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Report Title:

Production of Records; Prosecuting Attorney Package

Description:

Adds a new chapter to HRS, allowing district court and circuit court judges to order the production of records by persons or entities located outside of the State of Hawaii, in all criminal cases. Requires that anyone in Hawaii served with criminal process from another state must comply with the criminal process.

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