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- 4 unpublished information to a legislative, executive, or judicial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 codifies the privilege in chapter 621 of the
- 7 Hawaii Revised Statutes. The sunset date of Act 210, originally
- 8 scheduled to be repealed on June 30, 2011, was extended to
- 9 June 30, 2013 via Act 113, Session Laws of Hawaii 2011 (Act
- **10** 113).
- 11 The purpose of this Act is to make the news media privilege
- 12 permanent by repealing the scheduled sunset of Act 210.
- 13 SECTION 2. Act 210, Session Laws of Hawaii 2008, as
- 14 amended by Act 113, Session Laws of Hawaii 2011, is amended by
- 15 amending section 3 to read as follows:
- 16 "SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval
- 17 [, and shall be repealed on June 30, 2013]."



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1 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed

2 and stricken.

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

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Report Title:

Evidence; News Media Privilege

Description:

Makes permanent the limited news media privilege against the compelled disclosure of sources and unpublished information.

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