



GOV. MSG. NO. 1316

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
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DAVID Y. IGE  
GOVERNOR

July 6, 2016

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,  
President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Joseph M. Souki,  
Speaker and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Souki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on July 6, 2016, the following bill was signed into law:

HB1726 SD1 CD1

RELATING TO MURDER  
ACT 214 (16)

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MURDER.

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 person known by the defendant to be a witness in a  
10 criminal prosecution and the killing is related to the  
11 person's status as a witness;

12 (d) A person by a hired killer, in which event both the  
13 person hired and the person responsible for hiring the  
14 killer shall be punished under this section;

15 (e) A person while the defendant was imprisoned;

16 (f) A person from whom the defendant has been restrained,  
17 by order of any court, including an ex parte order,



- 1 from contacting, threatening, or physically abusing  
2 pursuant to chapter 586;
- 3 (g) A person who is being protected by a police officer  
4 ordering the defendant to leave the premises of that  
5 protected person pursuant to section 709-906(4),  
6 during the effective period of that order; ~~[or]~~
- 7 (h) A person known by the defendant to be a witness in a  
8 family court proceeding and the killing is related to  
9 the person's status as a witness ~~[-]~~; or
- 10 (i) A person whom the defendant restrained with intent to:  
11 (i) Hold the person for ransom or reward; or  
12 (ii) Use the person as a shield or hostage."

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

16 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
17 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

APPROVED this 6 day of JUL , 2016



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

