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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO POLICE EVASION.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that as a matter of  
2 public policy, the act of evading the police should be included  
3 in the Hawaii penal code as a separate offense when the evasion  
4 jeopardizes public safety. Deterring persons from fleeing or  
5 eluding police officers is in the public interest because it  
6 would better protect residents and police officers from  
7 potentially dangerous or violent confrontations. The  
8 legislature further finds that other states have enacted similar  
9 statutes that serve their residents and create safer  
10 communities.

11           The purpose of this Act is to establish the misdemeanor  
12 offense of police evasion.

13           SECTION 2. Chapter 710, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
14 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
15 and to read as follows:

16           "§710- Evading law enforcement. (1) A person commits  
17 the offense of evading law enforcement if the person



1 intentionally flees from or otherwise attempts to elude a law  
 2 enforcement officer, acting under color of the law enforcement  
 3 officer's official authority, by foot, bicycle, moped, or any  
 4 means other than that detailed in section 710-1027.

5 (2) Evading law enforcement is a misdemeanor."

6 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

7 SECTION 4. This Act does not affect rights and duties that  
 8 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were  
 9 begun before its effective date.

10 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.

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**Report Title:**

Law Enforcement; Police Evasion.

**Description:**

Establishes the misdemeanor offense of evading law enforcement.

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