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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF PROPERTY.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 708-800, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended as follows:

3           1. By adding a new definition to be appropriately inserted  
4 and to read:

5           "Intellectual property" means intangible property rights  
6 in the creative products of human intelligence, as protected  
7 under copyright, patent, trademark, and trade secret laws."

8           2. By amending the definition of "property" to read:

9           "Property" means any money, personal property, real  
10 property, thing in action, evidence of debt or contract, or  
11 article of value of any kind[-], and includes intellectual  
12 property and property that is stored in an electronic medium and  
13 is retrievable in a perceivable form. Commodities of a public  
14 utility nature such as gas, electricity, steam, and water  
15 constitute property, but the supplying of such a commodity to  
16 premises from an outside source by means of wires, pipes,



1 conduits, or other equipment shall be deemed a rendition of a  
2 service rather than a sale or delivery of property."

3 SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that  
4 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were  
5 begun before its effective date.

6 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
7 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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



**Report Title:**

Honolulu Prosecuting Attorney Package; Property Crimes

**Description:**

Updates the definition of "property" to expressly include intellectual property for purposes of prosecuting property crimes. Defines "intellectual property." (SD1)

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