## 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 by amending the definition of "property" to read as
- 3 follows:
- 4 ""Property" means any money, personal property, real
- 5 property, thing in action, evidence of debt or contract, or
- 6 article of value of any kind[-], and includes property that is
- 7 stored in an electronic medium and is retrievable in a
- 8 perceivable form. Commodities of a public utility nature such
- 9 as qas, electricity, steam, and water constitute property, but
- 10 the supplying of such a commodity to premises from an outside
- 11 source by means of wires, pipes, conduits, or other equipment
- 12 shall be deemed a rendition of a service rather than a sale or
- 13 delivery of property."
- 14 SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
- 15 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
- 16 begun before its effective date.

- 1 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 3 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

## Report Title:

Honolulu Prosecuting Attorney Package; Penal Code; Property Crimes; Electronic Mediums

## Description:

Updates the definition of "property" as it relates to offenses against property rights under the penal code to expressly include property stored in an electronic medium. (SD1)

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