
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE CRIMINAL DESTRUCTION OF TREES.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 708, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§708- Criminal destruction of a tree on state or county
5 property. (1) A person commits the offense of criminal
6 destruction of a tree on state or county property if, by means
7 other than fire, the person:

8 (a) Intentionally or knowingly fells, injures, or destroys
9 a tree growing or standing upon state or county
10 property to the point of it having no value; or

11 (b) Substantially damages the potential value of a tree
12 growing or standing upon state or county property
13 without the consent of the state or county on which
14 the tree stands.

15 (2) Criminal destruction of a tree on state or county
16 property is a misdemeanor.



1 (3) In addition to any penalty prescribed in this chapter
2 a person found guilty of violating this section shall also be
3 required to pay the State or county an amount equal to the
4 replacement value of the tree as determined by an arborist."

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

8 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

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



Report Title:

Criminal Destruction of Trees; State or County Property;
Misdemeanor

Description:

Establishes a criminal statute for the criminal destruction of a
tree on state or county property punishable as a misdemeanor.
(SD1)

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