



**GOV. MSG. NO. 1212**

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
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DAVID Y. IGE  
GOVERNOR

**JUN 17 2022**

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

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,  
Speaker and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

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

This is to inform you that on **JUN 17 2022**, the following bill was signed into law:

HB2213 HD1 SD1

RELATING TO MAIL THEFT.  
**ACT 112**

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MAIL THEFT.

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

1       SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the ongoing  
2 coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic has changed the way  
3 many families rely on delivery services. There has been a major  
4 increase in the amount of online orders being placed, and  
5 subsequently fulfilled by shipping items through the mail. Most  
6 packages sent through the mail are left outside the door at  
7 their intended destination if there is no mail receptacle large  
8 enough for the package on site.

9       The legislature further finds that reports of mail theft  
10 are on the rise. When mail carriers leave packages by doors or  
11 in otherwise unsecured mail receptacles, the packages are  
12 susceptible to theft, leading to frustration from senders and  
13 intended recipients.

14       The purpose of this Act is to establish the criminal  
15 offense of theft of mail.



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

4 "§708- Theft of mail. (1) A person commits the offense  
5 of theft of mail if the person intentionally obtains or exerts  
6 unauthorized control over mail from another person's mailbox or  
7 premises without the effective consent of the addressee and with  
8 the intent to deprive that addressee of the mail.

9 (2) For purposes of this section, "mail" means an  
10 envelope, a package, a bag, or a box that:

11 (a) Is delivered by a common carrier or delivery service  
12 to an addressee; or

13 (b) Has been left to be collected for delivery by a common  
14 carrier or delivery service.

15 (3) Theft of mail is a misdemeanor."

16 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

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

APPROVED this 17 day of June , 2022



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII



HB No. 2213, HD 1, SD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: April 21, 2022  
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022.



Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker  
House of Representatives




Brian L. Takeshita  
Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives

**THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I**

Date: April 1, 2022  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Third Reading in the Senate  
of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i, Regular Session of 2022.

  
President of the Senate

  
Clerk of the Senate