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A BILL FOR AN ACT

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HAWAII STATE CONSTITUTION
ESTABLISHING THE RIGHT TO OWN ONE'S OWN DATA.

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

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to propose an
2 amendment to article I of the Hawaii State Constitution to
3 establish the right of each person to own and have an exclusive
4 property right in the data they generate on the Internet.

5 SECTION 2. Article I of the Constitution of the State of
6 Hawaii is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately
7 designated and to read as follows:

8 "RIGHT TO OWN ONE'S OWN DATA"

9 Section _____. Each person shall own and have an exclusive
10 property right in the data that that person generates on a
11 public networked information system such as the Internet. The
12 legislature shall determine which data are subject to this
13 provision and the manner in which this provision shall be
14 implemented and enforced."

15 SECTION 3. The question to be printed on the ballot shall
16 be as follows:



1 "Shall the constitution guarantee the right of each person
2 to own and have an exclusive property right in the data
3 that person generates on the Internet?"

4 SECTION 4. New constitutional material is underscored.

5 SECTION 5. This amendment shall take effect upon
6 compliance with article XVII, section 3, of the Constitution of
7 the State of Hawaii.

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Report Title:

Internet Privacy; Ownership of Data; Constitutional Amendment

Description:

Proposes to amend the Hawaii State Constitution by establishing the right of each person to own and have an exclusive property right in the data they generate on the Internet.

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