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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO UNCREWED AIRCRAFT OFFENSES.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 711-1121, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended as follows:

3 1. By amending subsection (1) to read:

4 "(1) A person commits the offense of misuse of uncrewed
5 aircraft in the first degree if the person intentionally or
6 knowingly:

7 (a) Equips or arms an uncrewed aircraft with a firearm,
8 explosive, electric gun, or weapon of mass
9 destruction;

10 (b) Possesses, receives, transfers, operates, or produces
11 an uncrewed aircraft that is equipped or armed with a
12 firearm, explosive, electric gun, or weapon of mass
13 destruction;

14 (c) Discharges or deploys a firearm, explosive, electric
15 gun, or weapon of mass destruction using an uncrewed
16 aircraft;



- 1 (d) Operates an uncrewed aircraft and thereby
- 2 intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly interferes
- 3 with or disrupts the operation of any manned aircraft;
- 4 (e) Uses an uncrewed aircraft to transport and introduce,
- 5 or to attempt to transport and introduce, contraband,
- 6 drugs, or dangerous instruments into a prison; [~~e~~]
- 7 (f) Operates an uncrewed aircraft and thereby causes
- 8 serious bodily injury to another person~~[+]~~; or
- 9 (g) Uses an uncrewed aircraft in furtherance of the
- 10 commission of a felony."

11 2. By amending subsection (3) to read:

12 "(3) Subsection (1)(a), (b), (c), (d), and [~~g~~] (f) shall

13 not apply to any police officer, deputy sheriff, adult

14 corrections officer, correctional worker, or fire department

15 personnel acting within the course and scope of their duties, or

16 to any other person acting under the authority of, or pursuant

17 to a contract with, the United States or a state or county

18 government, or any department or agency of the United States or

19 a state or county government."

20 SECTION 2. Section 711-1123, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is

21 amended by amending subsection (1) to read as follows:



1 "(1) A person commits the offense of misuse of uncrewed
2 aircraft in the third degree if the person intentionally,
3 knowingly, or recklessly:

4 (a) Removes, obliterates, alters, or tampers with the
5 identification or registration number of an uncrewed
6 aircraft;

7 (b) Operates an uncrewed aircraft and thereby obstructs,
8 impairs, or hinders the performance of a police
9 officer, deputy sheriff, or fire department personnel
10 acting under color of their official authority;

11 (c) Operates an uncrewed aircraft and thereby causes
12 bodily injury to another person;

13 (d) Operates an uncrewed aircraft and thereby damages the
14 property of another, without the other's consent, in
15 an amount exceeding \$750;

16 (e) Operates an uncrewed aircraft while under the
17 influence of an intoxicant; or

18 (f) Operates an uncrewed aircraft after the person's
19 license, certificate, or privilege to operate an
20 uncrewed aircraft has been revoked, suspended, or



1 otherwise restricted by the issuing governmental
2 authority[~~+~~or

3 ~~(g) Uses an uncrewed aircraft in furtherance of the~~
4 ~~commission of a felony]."~~

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

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

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INTRODUCED BY:



By Request



S.B. NO. 282

Report Title:

Honolulu Prosecuting Attorney Package; Uncrewed Aircraft;
Criminal Offenses

Description:

Increases the penalty for using an uncrewed aircraft in the
furtherance of the commission of a felony.

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