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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DISMISSAL OF CRIMINAL CASES.

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

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 806, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to the part entitled  
3 "Dismissal", to be appropriately designated and to read as  
4 follows:

5           "§806-       Dismissal by court; court congestion. Except in  
6 the case of traffic offenses that are not punishable by  
7 imprisonment, the court shall, on motion of the defendant,  
8 dismiss the charge, with or without prejudice in its discretion,  
9 if trial is not commenced within six months, pursuant to rule  
10 48(b), (c), and (d) of the Hawaii rules of penal procedure;  
11 provided that any periods that delay the commencement of trial  
12 and are caused by congestion of the trial docket shall be  
13 excluded in computing the time for trial commencement."

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.

17           SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.





# H.B. NO. 1772

**Report Title:**

Honolulu Prosecuting Attorney Package; Criminal Procedure;  
Dismissal; Court Congestion

**Description:**

Requires that trials for criminal cases commence within 6 months, except in cases where the delay is caused by court congestion.

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