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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PORNOGRAPHY.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 712-1210, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new definition to be appropriately inserted  
3 and to read as follows:

4 "In loco parentis" means a situation in which a person who  
5 is a non-parent or legal guardian of a minor stands in place of  
6 a parent when:

- 7 (1) The person assumes the obligations incidental to  
8 parental relations without legally adopting the minor;  
9 or  
10 (2) The person voluntarily performs duties that are  
11 parental in nature to generally provide for the  
12 minor."

13 SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that  
14 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were  
15 begun before its effective date.

16 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

17 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.



**Report Title:**

Penal Code; Obscenity; In Loco Parentis; Promoting Pornography  
for Minors

**Description:**

Defines "in loco parentis" for purposes of exemption under  
Hawaii's obscenity laws. (HB1851 HD2)

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