
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 amending the definition of "pornographic for minors"
3 to read as follows:

4 "Pornographic for minors". Any material or performance is
5 "pornographic for minors" if:

6 (1) It is primarily devoted to explicit and detailed
7 narrative accounts of sexual excitement, sexual
8 conduct, or sadomasochistic abuse; and:

9 (a) It is presented in such a manner that the average
10 person applying contemporary community standards,
11 would find that, taken as a whole, it appeals to
12 [~~a minor's~~] the prurient interest; and

13 (b) Taken as a whole, it lacks serious literary,
14 artistic, political, or scientific value; or

15 (2) It contains any photograph, drawing, or similar visual
16 representation of any person of the age of puberty or
17 older revealing such person with less than a fully



1 opaque covering of his or her genitals and pubic area,
2 or depicting such person in a state of sexual
3 excitement or engaged in acts of sexual conduct or
4 sodomasochistic abuse; and:

5 (a) It is presented in such a manner that the average
6 person, applying contemporary community
7 standards, would find that, taken as a whole, it
8 appeals to [~~a minor's~~] the prurient interest; and

9 (b) Taken as a whole, it lacks serious literary,
10 artistic, political, or scientific value."

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

14 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
15 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

16 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.

Report Title:

Penal Code; Obscenity; Pornography; Definition

Description:

Clarifies that the prurient interest referenced in the definition of "pornographic for minors" does not relate specifically to the minor. (HB1852 HD1)

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