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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTRONIC DATA AND INFORMATION.

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

1           SECTION 1. (a) The legislature finds that despite a broad  
2 range of identity theft legislation enacted by the legislature  
3 in 2006 through Act 140, Session Laws of Hawaii 2006, identity  
4 theft remains a critical issue for Hawaii. In fact, the recent  
5 revelation that personal data of 11,500 families enrolled in a  
6 program for low-income women and children was at risk after a  
7 department of health employee allegedly stole information from a  
8 client database has revealed the continued threat posed by  
9 identity theft.

10           A recurring concern in legislative hearings on identity  
11 theft was the use of a social security number as a means of  
12 identification and the vulnerability of that information.

13           Act 140, Session Laws of Hawaii 2006, changed the name of  
14 the Hawaii anti-phishing task force to the identity theft task  
15 force and extended the duration of the task force to  
16 December 31, 2007. With staffing and research assistance



1 provided by the office of the auditor, the task force continues  
2 to focus on:

3 (1) Examining state agencies charged with the  
4 responsibility of developing policies, procedures, and  
5 operations to prevent, monitor, and enforce electronic  
6 commerce-based criminal activities and sanctions;

7 (2) Deriving best practice models from the review of other  
8 jurisdictions' activities, policies, and laws related  
9 to the prevention of electronic commerce-based crimes;

10 (3) Exploring other options available to the task force to  
11 deter electronic commerce-based crimes from occurring  
12 in the State; and

13 (4) Establishing findings and recommendations on  
14 electronic commerce-based crime prevention.

15 (b) The purpose of this Act is to further these efforts by  
16 appropriating funds to the office of the auditor for continued  
17 research and support services necessary to develop additional  
18 deterrents for identity theft, particularly those related to the  
19 compromise of electronic data and information, and social  
20 security numbers in public records.

21 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
22 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ , or so



1 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, for  
2 research and support services necessary to develop additional  
3 deterrents for identity theft, and in particular, those related  
4 to the compromise of electronic data and information, and social  
5 security numbers in public records.

6 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the office of the  
7 auditor for the purposes of this section.

8 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.



**Report Title:**

Electronic Data and Information; Identity Theft

**Description:**

Appropriates funds to the office of the auditor for research and support services necessary to develop additional deterrents for identity theft, and in particular, those related to the compromise of electronic data and information, and social security numbers in public records. (SD3)

