

**Report Title:**

Privilege; News Media

**Description:**

Provides a news media privilege to allow reporters to protect their sources of information.



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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO NEWS MEDIA PRIVILEGE.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 626-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new rule to be appropriately designated and  
3 to read as follows:

4           "Rule        News media privilege. No person who is a  
5 reporter, former reporter, or editorial employee of any  
6 newspaper, periodical, or press association or employee of any  
7 radio or television station may be required to disclose any  
8 published or unpublished information obtained or prepared by the  
9 person in the person's professional capacity in gathering,  
10 receiving, or processing information for communication to the  
11 public or the source of any information procured or obtained by  
12 the person in any legal proceeding, trial, or investigation,  
13 before:

14           (1) Any court, grand jury, coroner's inquest, jury, or any  
15           officer thereof;

16           (2) The legislature or any committee thereof;

17           (3) Any department, agency, or commission of the State; or



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1       (4) Before any county governing body or committee thereof  
2             or any officer of a county government."

3       SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

4       SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

