# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION.

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

1	SECT	ION 1. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by	
2	adding a	new chapter to title 3 to be appropriately designated	
3	and to read as follows:		
4		"CHAPTER	
5		DECORUM AT THE LEGISLATURE	
6	§	-1 Disorderly or contemptuous behavior; harm; assault;	
7	arrest; d	etention. (1) Any person who is not a member of	
8	either ho	use of the legislature who:	
9	(a)	Recklessly engages in disorderly or contemptuous	
10		behavior, committed in the presence of either house or	
11		any committee of a house, and directly tending to	
12		interrupt its proceedings or impair the respect due to	
13		such proceedings;	
14	(b)	Threatens harm to the person or estate of any member	
15		of either house, on account of the exercise of any	
16		legislative function;	
17	(c)	Assaults, arrests, or detains any witness or other	
18		person ordered to attend the proceedings of either	
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1		house, on the witness' or other person's way going to	
2		or returning therefrom; or	
3	(d)	Rescues or attempts to rescue any person arrested by	
4		order of either house,	
5	may be punished by such house by a fine of not more than		
6	\$	or imprisonment of not more than thirty days.	
7	(2)	Any person who is charged under subsection (1) shall	
8	be entitled to notice in writing of the charge levied against		
9	the person, and shall have the opportunity to be heard and to		
10	present evidence before the appropriate house in the person's		
11	own defense.		
12	(3)	Whenever there is probable cause to believe that a	
13	person ha	s violated subsection (1), the person shall be subject	
14	to arrest	and removal from the presence of either house or any	
15	committee	of a house, by the sergeant-at-arms of the affected	
16	house or	by any other law enforcement officer of the State, as	
17	directed	by the sergeant-at-arms."	

SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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### Report Title:

Legislature; Decorum

#### Description:

Clarifies the legislature's constitutional authority to terminate and punish disorderly or contemptuous behavior at the legislature. (PROPOSED HB2751 HD1)

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