



GOV. MSG. NO. 1240

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR
KE KIA'ĀINA

June 29, 2023

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate,
and Members of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, and Members of the
House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 29, 2023, the following bill was signed into law:

HB710 HD1 SD2 CD1

RELATING TO GOVERNMENT.
ACT 137

Sincerely,

Josh Green, M.D.
Governor, State of Hawai'i

on JUN 29 2023

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 2023
STATE OF HAWAII

H.B. NO. 710
H.D. 1
S.D. 2
C.D. 1

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO GOVERNMENT.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 710-1072.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "§710-1072.5 Obstruction of justice. (1) A person
4 commits the offense of obstruction of justice if the person
5 intentionally [~~engages in the following conduct~~]:

6 (a) When called as a witness and having been granted
7 immunity pursuant to chapters 480 and 621C, before or
8 after having been qualified as a witness, [~~shall~~
9 ~~refuse~~] refuses to testify or be qualified as a
10 witness when duly directed to testify or be qualified
11 as a witness[~~-~~]; or

12 (b) Influences; obstructs; impedes; or endeavors to
13 influence, obstruct, or impede, the due administration
14 of justice by means of force, threat of force,
15 coercion, fraud, or deception.

16 (2) Obstruction of justice [~~is~~] shall be a class C
17 felony[~~-~~]; provided that if the person engaged in activity under



1 subsection (1) (b), obstruction of justice shall be a class B
2 felony."

3 SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
4 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
5 begun before its effective date.

6 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
7 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

APPROVED this 29th day of June , 2023



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII



HB No. 710, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 2, 2023
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023.



Scott K. Saiki
Speaker
House of Representatives

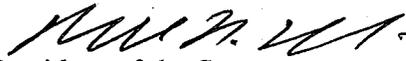


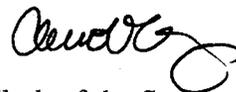
Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

Date: May 2, 2023
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2023.


President of the Senate


Clerk of the Senate