

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 27, 2023

RE: H.B. No. 710
H.D. 1
S.D. 2
C.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sirs:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the House of Representatives to the amendments proposed by the Senate in H.B. No. 710, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GOVERNMENT,"

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish the class B felony offense of obstruction of justice to include intentionally influencing; obstructing; impeding; or endeavoring to influence, obstruct, or impede, the due administration of justice by means of force, threat of force, coercion, fraud, or deception; and
- (2) Prohibit a person charged with the class B felony offense of obstruction of justice from being eligible for a deferred acceptance of guilty plea or nolo contendere plea.



Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that would have prohibited a person charged with the class B felony offense of obstruction of justice from being eligible for a deferred acceptance of guilty plea or nolo contendere plea;
- (2) Changing the effective date to upon approval; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 710, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 710, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on behalf
of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE



ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY
Chair



KARL RHOADS
Co-Chair

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE



DAVID A. TARNAS
Chair



