

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 687

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 02 2023

RE: S.B. No. 1220  
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 1220 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to prohibit persons convicted of certain felony offenses against public administration from becoming a candidate for or holding public office for twenty years after the person's final discharge.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Campaign Spending Commission and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that the enhancement of criminal penalties for offenses involving public corruption is the most effective deterrence. Individuals who commit certain felonies may be perceived as being dishonest or unfit to hold public office. This measure will ensure the ethical integrity of public officials by preventing them from holding office for a sufficient duration after the person's final discharge from certain felony convictions.



Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the twenty-year penalty from holding public office for certain felony offenses to a ten-year penalty.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1220, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1220, S.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Judiciary,



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KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-Second Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Judiciary**  
**JDC**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 1220</b>	Committee Referral: <b>JDC</b>	Date: <b>2/17/23</b>
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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.  
 If so, then the previous decision was to: \_\_\_\_\_

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312    
  Pass, with amendments 2311    
 Hold 2310    
 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike (VC)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	✓			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	✓			
AWA, Brenton	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	5	-	-	-

Recommendation:    
 Adopted    
 Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:  


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