

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

796

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 02 , 2023

RE: H.B. No. 985

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 985 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GOVERNMENT FRAUD,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish the class C felony offense of government fraud.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of the Attorney General, Campaign Spending Commission, Commission to Improve Standards of Conduct, Honolulu Police Department, and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that existing laws grade theft offenses based on specific monetary thresholds. By establishing the crime of government fraud as a class C felony offense, regardless of the amount stolen, this measure fills a vital gap in the State's criminal enforcement provisions, strengthens the State's public corruption laws, deters individuals from committing fraudulent schemes against the government, and punishes individuals that commit such fraudulent schemes.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of

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H.B. No. 985 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary &
Hawaiian Affairs,



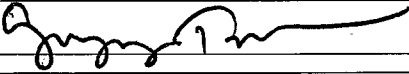
DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair



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The Thirty-second Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 985	Committee Referral: JHA	Date: 2/17/2023		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
JHA Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TARNAS, David A. (C)	✓			
2. TAKAYAMA, Gregg (VC)	✓			
3. GANADEN, Sonny	✓			
4. HOLT, Daniel	✓			
5. HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	✓			
6. ICHIYAMA, Linda	✓			
7. ILAGAN, Greggor				
8. KONG, Sam Satoru				
9. MIZUNO, John M.	✓			
10. SOUZA, Kanani	✓			
TOTAL (10)	8	-	-	2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 18pt; font-family: cursive; margin-top: 5px;">  </div>				
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