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Honolulu, Hawaii , 2024

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S.B. No. 2697 RE: S.D. 1 H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Thirty-Second State Legislature Regular Session of 2024 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred S.B. No. 2697, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to revoke the license of an architect who has been, or caused a government employee to be, convicted of a criminal offense involving the acceptance of a bribe.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects.

Your Committee finds that public corruption by government officials who use their public office to obtain personal gain is the ultimate betrayal of the public's trust. To restore public trust, there must be adequate accountability for all parties involved. Your Committee further finds that when public corruption involves a person licensed as an architect, the architect's professional license is not revoked upon a judgment of conviction. Instead, the architect's professional license remains in good standing until there is a formal petition and hearing.



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This measure promotes accountability by requiring the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to revoke the license of an architect who has been, or caused a government employee to be, convicted of a criminal offense involving the acceptance of a bribe.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2697, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2697, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

> Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce,

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Bill/Resolution No.: SB2697 SD1	Committee Referral: CPC, JHA	Date	03-13-	24
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
CPC Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. NAKASHIMA, Mark M. (C)	/			
2. SAYAMA, Jackson D. (VC)		A CONTRACTOR OF A CONTRACTOR		
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3. AMATO, Terez			h dere i	i so star i
4. BELATTI, Della Au				
5. HASHEM, Mark J.				
6. HUSSEY-BURDICK, Natalia				<u> </u>
7. GATES, Cedric Asuega				
8. LOWEN, Nicole E.				
9. ONISHI, Richard H.K.				Part
10. TAM, Adrian K.				
11. PIERICK, Elijah				
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TOTAL (11)	1			4
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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