

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2944

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 01 2024

RE: S.B. No. 2697

S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, 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 and intent of this measure is to require the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to revoke the licenses of architects who have 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 existing law does not require the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects to revoke the licenses of architects in the State who have been convicted of bribing a government employee. Your Committee believes that allowing architects convicted of bribery to continue to retain their licenses undermines public trust. This measure will ensure that architects convicted of bribery face appropriate consequences.

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. 2697, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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

Karl Rhoads

KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Judiciary
JDC

Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SB 2697 SD1</i>	Committee Referral: <i>CPN, JDC</i>	Date: <i>02/27/24</i>
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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	✓			
TOTAL	<i>5</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>

Recommendation:
 Adopted
 Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:
Mike Gabbard

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