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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO BRIBERY.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

SECTION 1. Chapter 710, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to part IV to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

**"§710- Failure to report bribery; state and county elected officials.** (1) A state or county elected official commits the offense of failure to report bribery when the elected official:

(a) Knows that:

(i) A person has conferred, offered, or agreed to confer, directly or indirectly, any pecuniary benefit upon the elected official with the intent to influence the elected official's vote, opinion, judgment, exercise of discretion, or other action in the elected official's official capacity in violation of section 710-1040(1)(a);

or

(ii) The elected official has witnessed:



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1           (A) A person confer, offer, or agree to confer,  
2           directly or indirectly, any pecuniary  
3           benefit upon another state or county elected  
4           official with the intent to influence that  
5           elected official's vote, opinion, judgment,  
6           exercise of discretion, or other action in  
7           that elected official's official capacity in  
8           violation of section 710-1040(1) (a); or

9           (B) Another state or county elected official  
10          solicit, accept, or agree, directly or  
11          indirectly, any pecuniary benefit with the  
12          intent that the elected official's vote,  
13          opinion, judgment, exercise of discretion,  
14          or other action as an elected official will  
15          thereby be influenced in violation of  
16          section 710-1040(1) (b); and

17        (b) Fails to report the known or witnessed conduct to the  
18        department of the attorney general within sixty days  
19        after the date the elected officials knew of or  
20        witnessed the conduct.

21        (2) Failure to report bribery is a misdemeanor."



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1       SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that  
2 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were  
3 begun before its effective date.

4       SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

5       SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

Bribery; Elected Official; Failure to Report; Pecuniary Benefit

**Description:**

Establishes the offense of failure to report bribery by a state or county elected official as a misdemeanor. Requires an elected official who knows of or witnesses the conferring, offering, solicitation, or acceptance of a pecuniary benefit in violation of the bribery statute to report the conduct to the Department of the Attorney General within sixty days.

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