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GOV. MSG. NO. 1327

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

July 10, 2026

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate,
and Members of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, and Members of the
House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Aloha President Kouchi, Speaker Nakamura, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on July 10, 2026, the following bill was signed into law:

S.B. NO. 2494, H.D. 1, C.D. 1 RELATING TO CORRUPTION.
ACT 225

Mahalo,

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Josh Green, M.D.
Governor, State of Hawai'i

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CORRUPTION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that when an individual
2 is charged under both federal and state law, the federal
3 investigation and prosecution of that individual takes
4 precedence over those of the State. In the event that the
5 length or outcome of a federal investigation precludes the
6 statute of limitations for the prosecution of a crime under
7 state law, the indicted may avoid prosecution in the State,
8 resulting in a miscarriage of justice. Bribery, for example, is
9 a class B felony, and generally, state law provides for a
10 statute of limitations of three years for class B felonies.

11 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to establish a
12 statute of limitations of nine years for a bribery offense.

13 SECTION 2. Section 710-1040, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 "**§710-1040 Bribery.** (1) A person commits the offense of
16 bribery if:



1 (a) The person confers, or offers or agrees to confer,
2 directly or indirectly, any pecuniary benefit upon a
3 public servant with the intent to influence the public
4 servant's vote, opinion, judgment, exercise of
5 discretion, or other action in the public servant's
6 official capacity; or

7 (b) While a public servant, the person solicits, accepts,
8 or agrees to accept, directly or indirectly, any
9 pecuniary benefit with the intent that the person's
10 vote, opinion, judgment, exercise of discretion, or
11 other action as a public servant will thereby be
12 influenced.

13 (2) It is a defense to a prosecution under subsection (1)
14 that the accused conferred or agreed to confer the pecuniary
15 benefit as a result of extortion or coercion.

16 (3) For the purposes of this section, "public servant"
17 includes in addition to persons who occupy the position of
18 public servant as defined in section [†]710-1000[†], persons who
19 have been elected, appointed, or designated to become a public
20 servant although not yet occupying that position.



1 (4) Bribery is a class B felony. A person convicted of
2 violating this section, notwithstanding any law to the contrary,
3 shall not be eligible for a deferred acceptance of guilty plea
4 or nolo contendere plea under chapter 853.

5 (5) Notwithstanding section 701-108 and any law to the
6 contrary, prosecution for an offense under subsection (1) shall
7 be commenced within nine years from the date the offense is
8 committed."

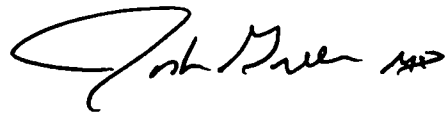
9 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
10 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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



S.B. NO. 2494
H.D. 1
C.D. 1

APPROVED this 10th day of July, 2026

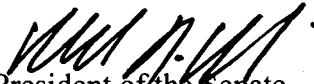
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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I

Date: May 1, 2026
Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate
of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i, Regular Session of 2026.


President of the Senate


Clerk of the Senate

SB No. 2494, HD 1, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 6, 2026
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2026.



Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker
House of Representatives



Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives