

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2801

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR - 5 2026

RE: S.B. No. 2494

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2026  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 2494 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CORRUPTION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish a statute of limitations of nine years for a bribery offense.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu, Nation of Hawai'i, Kupuna for the Moopuna, HULI PAC, and eighteen individuals.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Office of the Public Defender.

Your Committee finds that since federal investigations and prosecutions take precedence over any state investigation and prosecution, issues can arise when the length of a federal investigation precludes the statute of limitations for any prosecution of a crime under state law. Your Committee further finds that bribery cases can extend past the state statute of limitations due to the long-term systemic misconduct and case complexity. Therefore, this measure will streamline cooperation with federal investigations and allow the State to effectively conduct additional thorough investigations.



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. 2494 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,



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KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-Third Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes  
 Committee on Judiciary  
 JDC**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 2999	JDC	2/24/26		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike (VC)				✓
CHANG, Stanley	✓			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	✓			
AWA, Brenton	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>			<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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