

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2737
S.D. 1
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 2737, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BRIBERY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish the offense of failure to report bribery by a state elected official as a misdemeanor.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that bribery undermines public trust in government and that state elected officials play a critical role in safeguarding the integrity of public institutions. Your Committee further finds that requiring state elected officials to report known or witnessed instances of bribery will strengthen accountability and help deter corruption.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) 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 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2737, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2737, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary &
Hawaiian Affairs,



DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair



