



TESTIMONY OF  
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
KA 'OIHANA O KA LOIO KUHINA  
THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, 2026

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**ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:**  
S.B. NO. 2737, RELATING TO BRIBERY.

**BEFORE THE:**  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

**DATE:** Tuesday, February 24, 2026      **TIME:** 9:45 a.m.

**LOCATION:** State Capitol, Room 016

**TESTIFIER(S):** Anne E. Lopez, Attorney General, or  
Mark S. Tom, Deputy Attorney General

Chair Rhoads and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General (Department) submits the following comments and suggested amendments.

The Department takes no position on the proposed offense. Nevertheless, if the Committee chooses to pass this bill, the Department suggests that the offense be amended to include all public servants, to remain consistent with the offense of bribery under section 710-1040, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), and restructured for greater clarity, as follows (for ease of reading, all underlining was removed from wording and material already found in the bill, and suggested changes are Ramseyered below):

**§710- Failure to report bribery[; ~~state and county elected officials~~].** (1) A [~~state or county elected official~~] public servant commits the offense of failure to report bribery when the [~~elected official~~] public servant knows that:

(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~~] committed bribery of the public servant, as provided in section 710-1040(1)(a); [~~or~~

(ii)] ~~The elected official has witnessed:~~

(A)] (b) A person [~~confer, offer, or agree to confer, directly or indirectly, any pecuniary benefit upon another state or county elected official with the intent to influence~~

~~that elected official's vote, opinion, judgment, exercise of discretion, or other action in that elected official's official capacity in violation of]~~ committed bribery of another public servant, as provided in section 710-1040(1)(a); or

~~[(B)]~~ (c) Another ~~[state or county elected official solicit, accept, or agree, directly or indirectly, any pecuniary benefit with the intent that the elected official's vote, opinion, judgment, exercise of discretion, or other action as an elected official will thereby be influenced in violation of]~~ public servant committed bribery, as defined in section 710-1040(1)(b); and

~~[(b) Fails]~~ fails to report the known ~~[or witnessed]~~ conduct to the department of the attorney general within sixty days after the date the ~~[elected officials]~~ public servant knew of ~~[or witnessed]~~ the conduct.

(2) Failure to report bribery is a misdemeanor.

Because bribery can occur at any level of government, and because existing law prohibits bribery of or by any "public servant," as defined under section 710-1040(3), HRS, these changes would better promote consistent standards and expectations for all public servants. Also of note, certain positions that are typically elected are not necessarily elected in certain counties (e.g., Prosecuting Attorney for the County of Maui) or under certain unusual circumstances (e.g., a legislator stepping down from office mid-term and Governor appointing a new legislator for the interim), and thus are not covered under the current wording of this bill. In addition, the current wording of this bill will not apply to any staff, department directors, deputy directors, or others who could be in a position to observe such wrongdoing.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this bill.

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THE HONORABLE KARL RHOADS, CHAIR  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2026  
State of Hawai'i

February 23, 2026

**RE: S.B. 2737; RELATING TO BRIBERY.**

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney for the City and County of Honolulu submits the following **comment** on S.B. 2737.

S.B. 2737 establishes a legal reporting duty for public corruption offenses. The Department supports the intent of the bill to ensure public officials promptly report bribery. Paradoxically, however, the bill may establish a Fifth Amendment privilege regarding failure to report a bribe.

Under the current law, investigators may freely question witnesses regarding another person's criminal conduct, provided those responses are unlikely to incriminate the respondent. If failure to report itself became an offense, however, a witness could properly refuse questioning.

Moreover, strong legal incentives to report do exist. Witnesses who conceal material evidence can be charged with hindering prosecution.<sup>1</sup> And witnesses granted immunity can be prosecuted for refusing to answer questions.<sup>2</sup> But these establish criminal liability for affirmative acts, rather than omissions.

The Department recommends greater investment in state investigative grand juries. Federal corruption probes benefit from the resources and independence of the grand jury. Hawai'i grand jurors already provide an immense public service in screening cases brought for charging. The grand jury has historically been both a sword and a shield: both functions are necessary for the institution to reach its full potential.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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<sup>1</sup> See HRS §§ 710-1028 to 710-1030.

<sup>2</sup> HRS § 710-1072.5(1)(a) (obstruction of justice).

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**SB-2737**

Submitted on: 2/23/2026 2:20:41 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/24/2026 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Maki Morinoue	Testifying for HULI PAC	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Aloha,

Please support SB2737. We need good governance now!

Mahalo

Maki Morinoue

HULI PAC, Hawai'i Island



**Senate Committee on Judiciary  
Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action (HAPA) Supports SB2737  
Tuesday, February 24th, 9:45 AM in Conference Room 016 & Videoconference**

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and members of the Committee,

Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action strongly supports SB2737, relating to bribery.

Public office is a position of trust, and that trust demands not only personal integrity but a responsibility to act when corruption is witnessed. When elected officials know about bribery and stay silent, they become part of the problem. Silence protects those who abuse power and undermines the communities that depend on fair, transparent governance.

SB2737 addresses this directly. It establishes the offense of failure to report bribery by state or county elected officials, requiring that known or witnessed bribery be reported to the Department of the Attorney General within 60 days. Failure to report is classified as a misdemeanor.

Communities across Hawai'i deserve to know that the people who represent them will not tolerate corruption in their ranks. When bribery goes unreported, it is the public, not the powerful, who bears the cost.

Accountability cannot function in a culture of silence. Requiring elected officials to report bribery reinforces the principle that public service carries an obligation not only to act with integrity, but to protect the integrity of the institutions they serve.

For these reasons, we respectfully request support for SB2737.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anne Frederick'.

Anne Frederick, Executive Director  
Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action

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**SB-2737**

Submitted on: 2/23/2026 2:30:33 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/24/2026 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Brandon Makaawaawa	Testifying for Nation of Hawai'i	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Support — SB2737

The Nation of Hawai'i strongly supports SB2737 as an important measure to strengthen ethical governance, promote accountability in public office, and advance meaningful progress toward reconciliation for the Hawaiian people. Transparent and responsible leadership is essential to rebuilding trust in government institutions whose decisions continue to shape the future of Native Hawaiian communities, lands, and resources.

The integrity of public office is not optional — it is foundational to fair governance. By establishing a misdemeanor offense for elected officials who knowingly fail to report acts of bribery, SB2737 reinforces the principle that public officials have an affirmative duty to protect the public interest. This safeguard is particularly significant in Hawai'i, where decisions regarding land use, water resources, and cultural stewardship carry deep historical, cultural, and political implications for Native Hawaiians. Ensuring that corruption cannot be ignored or concealed is a necessary step toward restoring confidence that governance is conducted openly and in good faith.

This measure also helps strengthen a culture of transparency by creating clear expectations around reporting misconduct within a defined timeframe. Prompt reporting reduces the risk that unethical conduct becomes normalized or hidden and supports the fair and equitable management of public resources. Laws that require accountability from those entrusted with leadership are essential to preventing harm and ensuring that decisions affecting communities are made without improper influence.

At the same time, effective implementation will require clear guidance and support. Elected officials must receive practical education on what constitutes reportable conduct, and reporting systems must be structured to protect individuals from retaliation. Strong whistleblower protections and accessible reporting mechanisms are critical to ensuring the law functions as intended and encourages good-faith reporting.

The Nation of Hawai'i respectfully urges the Legislature to pass SB2737 and to support implementation through education, training, and review of existing whistleblower protections. Measures such as this represent concrete steps toward ethical governance, stronger public trust, and the continued advancement of reconciliation for Native Hawaiians and all people of Hawai'i.

Aloha,

Brandon Maka'awa'awa

Vice President, Nation of Hawai'i

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**SB-2737**

Submitted on: 2/23/2026 7:57:34 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/24/2026 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Nakoʻolani Warrington	Testifying for Kupuna for the Moopuna	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**STRONG SUPPORT for SB 2737!**

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**SB-2737**

Submitted on: 2/24/2026 12:40:57 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/24/2026 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Dave Mulnix	Testifying for Greenpeace Hawaii	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair, and Committee Members,

My name is Dave Mulnix, Co-Founder & Hawaii State Representative for Greenpeace Hawaii. On behalf of Greenpeace Hawaii's thousands of members and supporters statewide we stand in **STRONG SUPPORT** of SB2737 that 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.

Please pass SB2737 to help clean up government corruption in Hawaii.

Dave Mulnix

Greenpeace Hawaii

Co-Founder & Hawaii State Representative

Greenpeace Hawaii

**SB-2737**

Submitted on: 2/13/2026 11:45:08 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/24/2026 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Johnnie-Mae L. Perry	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I, Johnnie-Mae L. Perry, STRONGLY SUPPORT

2737 SB RELATING TO BRIBERY.

**SB-2737**

Submitted on: 2/18/2026 3:08:04 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/24/2026 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Tina Even	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support

Tina Marie Even

**SB-2737**

Submitted on: 2/20/2026 9:14:26 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/24/2026 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Glen Kagamida	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**STRONG SUPPORT!!!**

**LATE**

**SB-2737**

Submitted on: 2/23/2026 1:20:34 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/24/2026 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Gwen Rodrigues	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee,

I strongly support SB2737, which requires elected officials to report known or witnessed bribery.

This bill directly addresses a key accountability gap: when misconduct is known but not reported, it undermines the people's trust and delays corrective action. By mandating timely reporting to the Attorney General, SB2737 helps ensure investigations can proceed without avoidable delays, supporting a more transparent and ethical government.

Mahalo,

Gwen Rodrigues

Hilo, Hawaii

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**SB-2737**

Submitted on: 2/23/2026 1:22:38 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/24/2026 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Dita Škalic	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

*Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee,*

*I strongly support SB2737, which requires elected officials to report known or witnessed bribery.*

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*Mahalo!*

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**SB-2737**

Submitted on: 2/23/2026 1:32:40 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/24/2026 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
William Caron	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in **strong support** of SB2737, which would establish the offense of failure to report bribery by a state or county elected official as a misdemeanor.

Bribery is a crime that thrives in the shadows. It is an act of profound betrayal that corrodes public trust, undermines the integrity of our democratic processes, and places private gain above the public good. While Hawai‘i has laws on the books to prosecute those who offer or accept bribes, our legal framework currently lacks a critical component: accountability for witnesses who stand by and do nothing.

SB2737 closes this dangerous gap.

This bill requires any elected official who knows of or witnesses the conferring, offering, solicitation, or acceptance of a bribe to report that conduct to the Department of the Attorney General within 60 days. Failure to do so would be a misdemeanor.

The need for this legislation has never been clearer. We are currently in the midst of an ongoing state investigation into an unidentified lawmaker who, according to federal records, was recorded accepting \$35,000 in cash—a scandal that has cast a long shadow over the Capitol this session. While the federal government declined to prosecute, the conduct alleged is exactly the kind of corrupt influence that this bill seeks to expose.

But this bill is not just about any single case. It is about creating a culture of accountability. When bribery occurs, it is rarely a victimless crime committed in a vacuum. These transactions often happen in the presence of staffers, other officials, or intermediaries. Currently, those who look the other way face no consequences for their silence. By creating a legal duty to report, SB2737 transforms passive witnesses into active guardians of integrity.

The consequences of inaction are severe. Unchecked bribery festers, leading to more corruption, skewed public policy, and a citizenry that loses faith in its government. This bill sends a clear and necessary message: silence is complicity.

We urge this committee to pass SB2737. It is a straightforward, common-sense measure that strengthens transparency, reinforces ethical standards, and safeguards Hawai'i's democracy for its residents and future generations.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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**SB-2737**

Submitted on: 2/23/2026 1:54:57 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/24/2026 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Robin Sage	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hawaii government needs to re-establish trust with its citizens. Any and all bills to stop unethical and illegal activity committed by elected officials must be put into place. We, the voters, will be watching to see who supports honesty and ethics.

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**SB-2737**

Submitted on: 2/23/2026 2:03:17 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/24/2026 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
L. Osterer	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill is obviously needed based on past apparent unprosecuted bribery. It will help restore trust in government.

Thank you for your consideration.

L. Osterer, Hawaii resident

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**SB-2737**

Submitted on: 2/23/2026 2:17:17 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/24/2026 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Donna Ambrose	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard and Members of the Committee

I urge you to move on this bill to address an accountability gap relating to those who know about or witness bribery but do not report it to the authorities. Mandating reporting to the Attorney General without delay will help investigations proceed and, with any luck, restore some confidence in State government.

Mahalo,

Donna Ambrose, Kailua

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**SB-2737**

Submitted on: 2/23/2026 2:23:54 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/24/2026 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
B.A. McClintock	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support SB2737, which requires elected officials to report known or witnessed bribery.

This bill directly addresses a key accountability gap: when misconduct is known but not reported, it undermines the people's trust and delays corrective action. By mandating timely reporting to the Attorney General, SB2737 helps ensure investigations can proceed without avoidable delays, supporting a more transparent and ethical government. Mahalo.

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**SB-2737**

Submitted on: 2/23/2026 2:54:15 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/24/2026 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
cheryl burghardt	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair and Committee Members,

I Support SB 2737 and ask that you do also. I also ask that what things in addition to monies constitutes bribery. My understanding it is something that occurs for which someone wishes some kind of favor or promise. This does not have to be \$\$.

Cheryl Burghardt

Nuuanu Oahu

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**SB-2737**

Submitted on: 2/23/2026 3:48:04 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/24/2026 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lisa Galloway	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Let's do the right thing.

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**SB-2737**

Submitted on: 2/23/2026 3:51:14 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/24/2026 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Troy Schacht	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

a good step to prevent corruption

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**SB-2737**

Submitted on: 2/23/2026 4:12:49 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/24/2026 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Noelle Lindenmann	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee,

I am submitting testimony today in strong support of SB2737, which requires elected officials to report known or witnessed bribery.

This bill directly addresses a key accountability gap: when misconduct is known but not reported, it undermines the people’s trust and delays corrective action. By mandating timely reporting to the Attorney General, SB2737 helps ensure investigations can proceed without avoidable delays, supporting a more transparent and ethical government.

Doing this can help to bring trust in government back.

Mahalo for this opportunity to share testimony.

Noelle Lindenmann, Kailua-Kona

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**SB-2737**

Submitted on: 2/23/2026 4:41:07 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/24/2026 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lori Kizer	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We the people are so sick of the corruption in our government, PLEASE vote to pass this bill.  
Mahalo.

Lori Kizer, Kapaa

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**SB-2737**

Submitted on: 2/23/2026 4:55:38 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/24/2026 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kealii Pang, Ph.D.	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee,

I strongly support SB2737, which requires elected officials to report known or witnessed bribery.

This bill directly addresses a key accountability gap: when misconduct is known but not reported, it undermines the people’s trust and delays corrective action. By mandating timely reporting to the Attorney General, SB2737 helps ensure investigations can proceed without avoidable delays, supporting a more transparent and ethical government.

The recent headlines regarding bribery at both the state and federal levels have created a climate of cynicism among the public. We cannot expect the community to follow the law if our leaders are not held to the highest standard of transparency. SB2737 removes the ambiguity of 'looking the other way' and creates a legal mandate for honesty. We need this structural change to prove that no one is above the law.

Hawai‘i must remain Pono.

Mahalo,

Kealii Pang, Ph.D. Kaimukī, O‘ahu

**LATE**

**SB-2737**

Submitted on: 2/23/2026 5:25:08 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/24/2026 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lisa Darcy	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

SUPPORT SB 2737

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Committee,

My name is Lisa and I reside in Kula, Maui, HI. I strongly support SB2737, which requires elected officials to report known or witnessed bribery. Public trust is a requirement for elected officials and for our government leaders. Full stop. I'm appreciative for your committee's work and support.

I wish we lived in a world where those in positions of leadership understood kuleana, and yet still we need this legislation to maintain reporting. It directly addresses a key accountability gap: when misconduct is known but not reported, it undermines the people's trust and delays corrective action. By mandating timely reporting to the Attorney General, SB2737 helps ensure investigations can proceed without avoidable delays, supporting a more transparent and ethical government.

Mahalo,

Lisa Darcy

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**SB-2737**

Submitted on: 2/23/2026 6:00:35 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/24/2026 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ann Dorsey	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee,

I urge you to support SB2737, which requires elected officials to report known or witnessed bribery.

This bill directly addresses a key accountability gap: when misconduct is known but not reported, it undermines the people's trust and delays corrective action. By mandating timely reporting to the Attorney General, SB2737 helps ensure investigations can proceed without avoidable delays, supporting a more transparent and ethical government.

Please act to close this gap and make our government more accountable and trustworthy.

Thank you

**LATE**

**SB-2737**

Submitted on: 2/23/2026 6:30:10 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/24/2026 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kathy Shimata	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Kathy Shimata & I live in Honolulu. I strongly support SB2737, which requires elected officials to report known or witnessed bribery.

This bill directly addresses a key accountability gap: when misconduct is known but not reported, it undermines the people's trust and delays corrective action. By mandating timely reporting to the Attorney General, SB2737 helps ensure investigations can proceed without avoidable delays, supporting a more transparent and ethical government.

Our community wants the bribery to stop.

Mahalo,

Kathy Shimata

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**SB-2737**

Submitted on: 2/23/2026 7:04:37 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/24/2026 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Alana Hart	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support SB2737, creating the offense of not alerting any witness of bribery, as part of a good governance prerogative for the State Legislature. Transparency is tantamount, big money needs to stay out of politics.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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**SB-2737**

Submitted on: 2/23/2026 8:23:02 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/24/2026 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
kimdonghyeon	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee,

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Mahalo,

kimdonghyeon

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**SB-2737**

Submitted on: 2/23/2026 9:09:50 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/24/2026 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Daniel R Freund	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Folks who take bribes taint everyone else who is doing their job honestly and make citizens question their government. There is no reason to protect either the briber or the person taking the bribe. Please advance this bill.

- Dan Freund, Kapaa

**LATE**

**SB-2737**

Submitted on: 2/23/2026 9:57:06 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/24/2026 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Robert Petricci	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Robert Petricc

SB2737

Strong support

Aloha Sen. Karl Rhoads chair, Sen. Mike Gabbard vice chair and commitee members. Long past due to clean up pay to play in Hawaii. Please help by supporting SB2737.

Mahalo

Robert Petricci

**LATE**

**SB-2737**

Submitted on: 2/23/2026 10:10:36 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/24/2026 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Joell Edwards	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair and Members of the Committee,

Joell Edwards from Wainiha, Kaua‘i, in support of SB2737.

Requiring elected officials to report known or witnessed bribery strengthens transparency and accountability in government. Clear reporting requirements help deter misconduct and reinforce the public’s trust in our institutions.

I respectfully urge your support of SB2737.

**LATE**

**SB-2737**

Submitted on: 2/24/2026 6:57:20 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/24/2026 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jane Aquino	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

*Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee,*

*I strongly support SB2737, which requires elected officials to report known or witnessed bribery.*

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*Given what is currently happening with the Lt GoV Luke, this bill is critical.*

*Mahalo, Jane Aquino*

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**SB-2737**

Submitted on: 2/24/2026 7:19:05 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/24/2026 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Danielle Jones	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Mahalo,

Danielle Jones, Waimea

**LATE**

**SB-2737**

Submitted on: 2/24/2026 7:55:46 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/24/2026 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nanea Lo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hello Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee,

My name is **Nanea Lo**, and I **strongly support SB2737**, which requires elected officials to report known or witnessed bribery.

SB2737 addresses a critical gap in accountability. When misconduct is known but goes unreported, it erodes public trust and delays corrective action. By requiring timely reporting to the Attorney General, this measure helps ensure that potential wrongdoing is investigated promptly and appropriately.

This bill reinforces transparency, ethical conduct, and public confidence in government. For these reasons, I respectfully urge your support of SB2737.

me ke aloha ‘āina,

Nanea Lo, 96826

Sierra Club of Hawai‘i Member

Hawai‘i Workers Center Board Member

Clean Elections Hawai‘i Member

Honolulu Tenants Union Member

350 Hawai‘i Member

Carbon Cashback Hawai‘i Member

Hawai‘i Tax Fairness Coalition Member

**LATE**

**SB-2737**

Submitted on: 2/24/2026 8:32:38 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/24/2026 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Georgia L Hoopes	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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{Insert additional comments here}

Mahalo,

*Georgia Hoopes, Kalaheo*

**LATE**

**SB-2737**

Submitted on: 2/24/2026 10:23:46 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/24/2026 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kendall Krumm	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Mahalo,

Kendall Krumm, Kailua

**LATE**

**SB-2737**

Submitted on: 2/24/2026 10:56:49 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/24/2026 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jessica Kuzmier	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, I support SB2737 which requires elected officials to report known or witnessed bribery. Mahalo for your consideration.

**LATE**

**SB-2737**

Submitted on: 2/24/2026 12:01:07 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/24/2026 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Victoria Anderson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Please pass this bill.

Mahalo,

Victoria Anderson, Palolo