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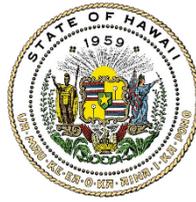
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February 16, 2026

SB 2830: RELATING TO MISCONDUCT BY A PUBLIC SERVANT

Chair Rhoads, Vice-Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee on Judiciary:

The Office of the Public Defender (OPD) **opposes** SB 2830 which proposes to amend Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS) § 701-108 to extend the statute of limitations for offenses based on misconduct in office by a public servant to allow prosecution at any time during the defendant's period of public service and up to ten years thereafter.

The OPD strongly supports integrity and accountability in public service. However, HRS § 701-108 already provides a structured, graduated, and carefully limited framework governing when criminal prosecutions may be brought. As a general framework (with certain delineated exceptions):

- Most felonies are subject to defined limitation periods (commonly three years unless otherwise specified).
- Misdemeanors are subject to a two-year limitation period.
- Petty misdemeanors are subject to a one-year limitation period.

The statute contains carefully tailored exceptions. For example, certain offenses involving fraud or breach of fiduciary duty may be prosecuted within three years of discovery, but even then, the extension is capped so that it cannot exceed a specified maximum (six years) beyond the original expiration date. Similarly, DNA-based felony offenses have defined and limited extensions.

These provisions reflect the Legislature's longstanding judgment that limitations periods should be structured, predictable, and subject to outer caps even in cases involving concealment or delayed discovery.

This measure would permit prosecution of misconduct in office at any time during the defendant's period of public employment and up to ten years thereafter. Unlike other extensions within § 701-108, this proposal is not tied to discovery of the offense, newly available evidence, or forensic testing. Nor is it subject to the same narrowly tailored caps found in other subsections.

In practical terms, this creates a potentially far longer exposure period than applies to similarly classified offenses. A public servant who serves for twenty or thirty years could face prosecution for alleged conduct that occurred decades earlier - well beyond the limitation periods that apply to other criminal offenses of the same grade. This represents a significant departure from the balanced structure currently embedded in HRS § 701-108.

Statutes of limitation serve critical constitutional and practical purposes. They protect against stale prosecutions, promote reliability in fact-finding, encourage timely investigation and charging decisions, and provide finality and certainty.

Over time, evidence deteriorates, witnesses become unavailable, and memories fade. Even where good faith efforts are made, the quality of justice suffers when prosecutions are brought many years after alleged conduct. The existing limitations scheme in HRS § 701-108 reflects a careful calibration of these competing interests. This measure disrupts that calibration by singling out a category of defendants for extended exposure that may far exceed the limitation periods imposed on other offenses.

For these reasons, the OPD **opposes** SB 2830.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.



**Senate Committee on Judiciary
Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action (HAPA) Supports SB2830
Wednesday, February 18th, 9:00 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 SB2830, relating to misconduct by a public servant. Public office is a position of extraordinary trust. When that trust is violated, accountability must remain possible regardless of how long it takes for the truth to surface.

Misconduct in office is rarely obvious. It can involve concealment, misuse of authority, and systems that protect those in power. When statutes of limitation expire before wrongdoing is discovered, the message to the public is clear: if misconduct is hidden long enough, it can escape consequence.

SB 2830 corrects that imbalance. It allows prosecution for misconduct in office at any time while a person remains in public service and for up to ten years after they leave. This does not create new crimes. It does not lower the burden of proof. It simply ensures that time cannot be weaponized as a shield against accountability.

Democracy depends on meaningful consequences for abuse of public power. Extending the statute of limitations for misconduct in office reinforces the principle that public service carries ongoing responsibility.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge support for SB2830.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anne Frederick', is positioned above the typed name.

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

SB-2830

Submitted on: 2/16/2026 4:53:46 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/18/2026 9:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Susan B Roberts Emery	Testifying for Green Party of Hawai'i	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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

My name is Susan RobertsEmery , as Co Chair of the Green Party of Hawai'i we are in strong support of SB2830 which strengthens accountability for misconduct in public office. Corruption is not to be tolerated no matter when it comes to light.

Public servants hold positions of trust. When misconduct occurs, it is often concealed and may take years to uncover. This bill ensures that someone cannot avoid accountability simply because enough time has passed.

Accountability strengthens a measure of public confidence in government , which is at an all time low. Accountability also reinforces the responsibility that comes with holding public office.

Green Party of Hawai'i supports SB2830.

Mahalo,

Susan RobertsEmery

Green Party of Hawai'i

Paauiilo



FEBRUARY 18, 2026

SENATE BILL 2830

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POSITION: SUPPORT

Imua Alliance supports SB 2830, relating to misconduct by a public servant, which extends the statute of limitations for offenses based on misconduct in office by a public servant to allow prosecution at any time during the defendant's period of public service and up to ten years thereafter.

Imua Alliance is a Hawai'i-based organization dedicated to ending all forms of exploitation, including electoral abuse. Public trust in government is foundational to our democracy. When people believe that their institutions operate transparently, ethically, and in the public interest, they are more likely to engage in civic life and participate in elections.. Conversely, ethical lapses erode trust and, in turn, reduce civic participation.

Accountability is a key pillar of our democracy, and it demands integrity. Violations of the public trust must be investigated, even if they come to light after an individual's service is complete.

Recent events have highlighted the need for stronger accountability measures. In late 2025 and early 2026, media reporting revealed that a federal corruption inquiry involving former legislators included an allegation that approximately \$35,000 was paid to an influential state lawmaker in 2022. The reporting has prompted widespread public concern, including petitions from hundreds of community members calling for a full legislative investigation and renewed accountability safeguards.

Multiple outlets have noted that the matter was investigated by federal authorities without a parallel public legislative review or robust public process, leaving many in the community questioning whether current ethical and disclosure systems are sufficient. The Hawai'i Attorney General's office is currently investigating the matter at the best of the community and legislative leaders, who have called for a hasty and thorough inquiry.

This scandal and the community response it has generated underscore the urgent need to strengthen transparency, disclosure, and conflict-of-interest rules for public officials. This measure will allow ample time to investigate the potential \$35,000 campaign finance violation and future offenses, should they occur, which would otherwise be on the cusp of lapsing beyond the statute of limitations given the inability of the appropriate enforcement agencies to access information critical to examine the allegations to their fullest extent.

This measure is ultimately about deciding who our state government represents: we, the people, or those who pay bribes behind closed doors to exploit our democracy. When the law prevents oversight bodies from even examining credible allegations of improper influence, the problem is not merely individual misconduct. It is a structural failure. This bill responds directly to this gap by strengthening transparency and accountability mechanisms, so that future allegations of this magnitude cannot evade scrutiny simply due to timing technicalities.

Passing this bill is essential to restoring communal trust and ensuring Hawai'i's campaign finance laws can respond meaningfully when the public most needs them.

With aloha,

Kris Coffield

President, Imua Alliance

SB-2830

Submitted on: 2/16/2026 9:49:03 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/18/2026 9:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Shelby "Pikachu" Billionaire	Testifying for Kingdom of the Hawaiian Islands & Ohana Unity Party	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

****Testimony in Strong Support of SB2830 – Relating to Misconduct by a Public Servant****

Aloha kakou, Chair and Members of the Committee,

I am Master Shelby "Pikachu" Billionaire, HRM, Kingdom of The Hawaiian Islands, H.I., Chairman of the Ohana Unity Party. Aloha nui loa from the heart of our islands, where we live by the guiding spirit of ****aloha****—love, compassion, mercy, kindness, and grace—and where ****‘ohana**** means we hold every public servant accountable with ****kuleana**** and justice, never allowing corruption to erode trust in our government, as the ‘ōlelo no‘eau teaches: *‘Ike aku, ‘ike mai. Kōkua aku, kōkua mai. Pēlā ka nohona ‘ohana.* “Observe others, be observed. Help others, be helped. That is the way of family life.”

Today, I stand in full, resolute support of SB2830, urging its swift passage to extend the statute of limitations for prosecuting misconduct in office by public servants—ensuring corrupt officials cannot hide behind expired time limits while our people suffer the consequences. This essential bill amends Section 701-108(3)(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes, to extend the prosecution window for offenses based on misconduct in office by a public servant. It allows charges ****at any time during the defendant's period of public service or employment**** and ****up to ten years thereafter****—replacing the current short two-year limit (with a capped three-year extension).

This change removes outdated barriers that let wrongdoing go unpunished long after discovery, especially in complex cases involving bribery, fraud, abuse of power, or other ethical violations that often surface years later through audits, whistleblowers, or investigations. Hawaii's recent history demands stronger tools against corruption. Federal cases have convicted former lawmakers like Ty Cullen and Kalani English of accepting bribes from developers and lobbyists—crimes that eroded public trust and cost taxpayers dearly. Ongoing state and federal probes, including into an alleged \$35,000 cash payment to an influential legislator in 2022 (now linked to scrutiny of Lt. Gov. Sylvia Luke), highlight how misconduct can remain hidden or unprosecutable under short statutes.

Public confidence in government suffers when officials escape accountability—yet extending the limitation to ten years post-service aligns with practices in many jurisdictions for serious public corruption offenses, giving investigators time to uncover evidence without rushing flawed cases. This bill is not about overreach; it targets only ****misconduct in office****—offenses where an

element involves abuse of public position—and preserves due process while strengthening deterrence. It signals that in Hawaii, no one is above the law: **kuleana** applies to all who serve.

By closing loopholes that protect the corrupt, we restore faith in our institutions, protect public resources, and ensure justice for our ‘ohana. **In closing, with deepest aloha and a call to mālama our government by holding corrupt officials accountable—no matter how long it takes—I respectfully ask the Committee to pass SB2830 without delay.**

Key reasons include:

- Extends the statute of limitations to **any time during public service** plus **up to ten years thereafter** for misconduct-in-office offenses—replacing the inadequate two-year window that lets evidence grow cold or crimes go unpunished.

- Addresses real corruption scandals: federal convictions of former lawmakers for bribery, ongoing AG investigations into alleged \$35,000 payments to influential legislators, and patterns of abuse that undermine trust in Hawaii government.

- Promotes transparency and deterrence: longer windows allow thorough investigations (e.g., via audits or whistleblowers) without rushing, while signaling that misconduct will not be shielded by time. - Aligns with justice and accountability: focuses solely on public servant misconduct, upholding due process while ensuring complex cases (often discovered years later) can be prosecuted effectively.

- True embodiment of Hawaiian values: **aloha**, **‘ohana**, **mālama**, and **kuleana**—protecting our people from corruption, restoring faith in public service, and showing Hawaii demands integrity with wisdom, strength, and heart.

Mahalo nui loa for your kuleana in this crucial fight for clean government. I am available for any questions and urge you to pass SB2830—let us root out corruption with aloha in action and unwavering justice.

Master Shelby "Pikachu" Billionaire, HRM Kingdom of The Hawaiian Islands, H.I. Ohana Unity Party, Chairman www.Ohanaunityparty.com Presidentbillionaire@gmail.com

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Submitted on: 2/16/2026 9:18:20 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/18/2026 9:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Daniel R Freund	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I hope you will support this good government proposal.

- Dan Freund, Kapaa

SB-2830

Submitted on: 2/16/2026 9:36:11 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/18/2026 9:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Valerie Weiss	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

There should be no statute of limitations for misconduct by an elected official.

SB-2830

Submitted on: 2/16/2026 10:09:15 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/18/2026 9:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Hedwig Nako'o Warrington	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

STRONG SUPPORT OF SB 2830

SB 2830 is critically important in light of very disturbing political revelations pertaining to the 35k bribe, the sunshine lawsuit against the state House of Representatives, and the MC 1001 fraud petition pertaining to a sitting rep. simply filed away and archived in 2025.

This extension to 10 years is not only reasonable but **necessary to help restore public trust in Hawai'i's government.**

*Any offense based on misconduct in office by a public servant at any time when the defendant is in public office or employment or within [~~two~~] **ten years** thereafter.*

Mahalo nui for this bill, Senator Rhoads.

SUPPORT and PASS SB 2830. Mahalo.

SB-2830

Submitted on: 2/16/2026 10:14:52 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/18/2026 9:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Pamela Elders	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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

I am writing in support of SB2830 relating to misconduct of a public servant. This bill strengthens the consequences for misconduct in public office and is needed as demonstrated by recent headlines regarding campaign contributions and pay to play.

The election of a public official is based on public trust in the integrity of the officer holder and belief that he/she will serve the public and not special interests.

Unfortunately, when misconduct occurs, it is often concealed and may take years to uncover. This bill ensures that someone cannot avoid accountability simply because enough time has passed.

Accountability strengthens public confidence in government and reinforces the responsibility that comes with holding public office.

Mahalo,
Pamela Elders

Laupahoehoe, HI

SB-2830

Submitted on: 2/16/2026 10:22:23 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/18/2026 9:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
John Fitzpatrick	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

If legislators break the law they should be held accountable, even if it is far past the statute of limitations!

Mahalo,
John "Fitz" Fitzpatrick

Makawao

SB-2830

Submitted on: 2/16/2026 11:16:52 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/18/2026 9:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Glenn Choy	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support this bill.

SB-2830

Submitted on: 2/16/2026 12:36:30 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/18/2026 9:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
L. Osterer	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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

SB2830 is needed to strengthen accountability for misconduct in public office. Without continuing accountability, the corrupt image of government officials remains. Inside cover ups often take years to uncover and trace. This bill ensures that someone cannot avoid accountability simply because enough time has passed. Clearly, oversight has been insufficient. The latest scandal is only one of many prosecutions that should continue to be investigated.

The responsibility for this law comes with holding public office.

Mahalo for your interest,
L. Osterer, Koloa, Hi. 96756

SB-2830

Submitted on: 2/16/2026 12:36:37 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/18/2026 9:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Robert Nawahine Mansfield, Jr	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Senate Judiciary Committee

SB 2830

Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair, Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice-Chair, Members.

18 February 2026

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Aloha kākou,

I, Robert Nawahine Mansfield, Jr. **support of SB 2830 and urge your support** of this timely measure. Strengthening a code of conduct for all public servant makes for a government of the people for the people. You and I as citizens are held accountable in our justice system.

Mahalo a nui loa,

Robert Nawahine Mansfield, Jr.

SB-2830

Submitted on: 2/16/2026 2:19:54 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/18/2026 9:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michele Mitsumori	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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

I am writing in SUPPORT of SB2830, which strengthens accountability for misconduct in public office.

Public office comes with many responsibilities and challenges, as well as privilege and an inside knowledge of how things work. As we are seeing in other areas, misconduct can take years, even decades to unravel, even when egregious and broadly known. In some cases, victims or others with knowledge are unable to speak up until the situation has changed significantly, such as only when there has been a transition of those in power. Sometimes this can also be advances in technology and changes in laws.

Long story short: justice should not have a time limit. Those who have abused the trust of their office should not be able to wait out their accountability.

SB2830 ensures that misconduct in public office cannot escape review purely on the basis of the passage of time by extending the statute of limitations for crimes committed by public servants in their official capacity. The bill allows prosecution at any time while the perpetrator remains in public service and for up to ten years after they leave office.

By reinforcing the responsibility that comes with holding public office, SB2830 strengthens public confidence in government. I encourage you to support SB2830.

Mahalo,
Michele Mitsumori
Hilo 96720

SB-2830

Submitted on: 2/16/2026 2:36:39 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/18/2026 9:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jessica Kuzmier	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, I am writing in favor of SB2830 because it strengthens accountability for misconduct. This is absolutely essential for public trust. Mahalo for your consideration.

SB-2830

Submitted on: 2/16/2026 2:39:40 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/18/2026 9:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Donna Ambrose	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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

SB2830 strengthens accountability for misconduct in public office.

Public servants hold positions of trust. When misconduct occurs, it is often concealed and may take years to uncover. This bill ensures that someone cannot avoid accountability simply because enough time has passed.

Given the unethical and illegal acts of some legislators that have come to light in the last several years – and seem to keep coming -- failure to enact reforms such as extending the statute of limitations for public officials' wrongdoing will only further erode trust in government.

Accountability strengthens public confidence in government and reinforces the responsibility that comes with holding public office.

Mahalo,

Donna Ambrose, Kailua

SB-2830

Submitted on: 2/16/2026 2:50:21 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/18/2026 9:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bridgit Bales	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in strong support of this Bill. It should be clear that the public has lost trust in our state government and maybe, just maybe, passage of this Bill may restore some of that trust. Please pass this Bill!

SB-2830

Submitted on: 2/16/2026 3:30:48 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/18/2026 9:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mary Lu Kelley	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha.

I am writing in support of this bill because it extends the statute of limitations for offenses based on misconduct in office by a public servant to allow prosecution at any time during the defendant's period of public service and up to ten years thereafter.

Thank you,

Mary Lu Kelley Koloa, Kauai

SB-2830

Submitted on: 2/16/2026 3:47:30 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/18/2026 9:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
kimdonghyeon	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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

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Accountability strengthens public confidence in government and reinforces the responsibility that comes with holding public office.

Mahalo,
kimdonghyeon

SB-2830

Submitted on: 2/16/2026 6:16:21 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/18/2026 9:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ann Dorsey	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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

Please support SB2830, which strengthens accountability for misconduct in public office.

Public servants hold positions of trust. When misconduct occurs, it is often concealed and may take years to uncover. This bill ensures that someone cannot avoid accountability simply because enough time has passed.

Accountability strengthens public confidence in government and reinforces the responsibility that comes with holding public office.

Thank you

To: Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair
Committee on Judiciary

From: Veronica Moore, Individual Citizen

Date: February 17, 2026

RE: Senate Bill 2830
Measure Title: RELATING TO MISCONDUCT BY A PUBLIC SERVANT.
Report Title: Penal Code; Statute of Limitations; Misconduct in Office; Public
Servants

To All Concerned,

My name is Veronica Moore and I support Senate Bill 2830. Thank you for introducing this bill.

Sincerely,

Veronica M. Moore

SB-2830

Submitted on: 2/17/2026 4:06:01 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/18/2026 9:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dita Škalic	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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

SB2830 strengthens accountability for misconduct in public office.

Public servants hold positions of trust. When misconduct occurs, it is often concealed and may take years to uncover. This bill ensures that someone cannot avoid accountability simply because enough time has passed. Accountability strengthens public confidence in government and reinforces the responsibility that comes with holding public office.

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Submitted on: 2/17/2026 8:44:18 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/18/2026 9:05:00 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 SB2830**.

SB2830 strengthens accountability for misconduct in public office by ensuring that public officials and employees cannot evade responsibility simply because time has passed.

Public servants are entrusted with significant authority and responsibility. When misconduct occurs, it is often concealed, difficult to detect, and may take years to uncover. Statutes of limitation that fail to account for this reality undermine public trust and allow serious abuses of power to go unaddressed.

This measure appropriately recognizes the unique nature of public office and the heightened duty owed to the people of Hawai‘i. By extending accountability in cases of concealed or delayed discovery of misconduct, SB2830 helps ensure transparency, integrity, and public confidence in government.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Committee to **PASS SB2830**.

me ke aloha ‘āina,

Nanea Lo, 96826

Sierra Club of Hawai‘i Member

Hawai‘i Workers Center Board Member

Honolulu Tenants Union Member

350 Hawai‘i Member

Carbon Cashback Hawai‘i Member

Hawai‘i Tax Fairness Coalition Member

LATE

SB-2830

Submitted on: 2/17/2026 6:58:27 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/18/2026 9:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cristina Holt	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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

I am submitting testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of SB 2830.

When a public servant abuses their office, the damage does not always come to light right away. Corruption is designed to stay hidden. It hides behind institutional loyalty, fear of retaliation, and the simple fact that the person doing the harm is often the same person in charge of the records. Giving wrongdoers a short clock to hide behind is like letting someone set a fire and only allowing investigators to look for evidence while the smoke is still in the air.

This bill extends the statute of limitations for misconduct in office to allow prosecution at any time while the defendant holds public office, and up to ten years after they leave. That is not an overreach. That is accountability catching up to reality.

People in positions of public trust should be held to a higher standard, not a more forgiving timeline. The public deserves to know that those who abuse power cannot simply wait out the clock.

I urge the committee to pass SB 2830.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

LATE

SB-2830

Submitted on: 2/18/2026 12:11:01 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/18/2026 9:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gregory Misakian	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in strong support of SB2830.

Gregory Misakian