
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by
2 adding a new chapter to title 3 to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 **"CHAPTER**

5 **DECORUM AT THE LEGISLATURE**

6 **§ -1 Disorderly or contemptuous behavior; harm; assault;**
7 **arrest; detention.** (1) Any person who is not a member of
8 either house of the legislature who:

9 (a) Recklessly engages in disorderly or contemptuous
10 behavior, committed in the presence of either house or
11 any committee of a house, and directly tending to
12 interrupt its proceedings or impair the respect due to
13 such proceedings;

14 (b) Threatens harm to the person or estate of any member
15 of either house, on account of the exercise of any
16 legislative function;

17 (c) Assaults, arrests, or detains any witness or other
18 person ordered to attend the proceedings of either



1 house, on the witness' or other person's way going to
2 or returning therefrom; or

3 (d) Rescues or attempts to rescue any person arrested by
4 order of either house,

5 may be punished by such house by a fine of not more than

6 \$ or imprisonment of not more than thirty days.

7 (2) Any person who is charged under subsection (1) shall
8 be entitled to notice in writing of the charge levied against
9 the person, and shall have the opportunity to be heard and to
10 present evidence before the appropriate house in the person's
11 own defense.

12 (3) Whenever there is probable cause to believe that a
13 person has violated subsection (1), the person shall be subject
14 to arrest and removal from the presence of either house or any
15 committee of a house, by the sergeant-at-arms of the affected
16 house or by any other law enforcement officer of the State, as
17 directed by the sergeant-at-arms."

18 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2034.



Report Title:

Legislature; Decorum

Description:

Implements the Legislature's constitutional authority to take action against disorderly or contemptuous behavior at the Legislature. Effective July 1, 2034. (HB2751 HD1)

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