
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. Chapter 710, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to part VI be appropriately
3 designated and to read as follows:

4 "§710- Disrespect of a house of the legislature. (1)

5 A person who is not a member of either house of the legislature
6 commits the offense of disrespect of a house of the legislature
7 if, while the person is present at a legislative session of
8 either house or at a hearing of any committee of either house,
9 the person creates a breach of peace or disturbance with intent
10 to interrupt the proceeding.

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

17 (3) Disrespect of a house of the legislature is a petty
18 misdemeanor."



1 SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
2 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
3 begun before its effective date.

4 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2012.



Report Title:

Legislature; Decorum

Description:

Creates the petty misdemeanor offense of disrespect of a house of the legislature. (SD1)

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