

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 2242  
H.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2014  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred  
H.B. No. 2242, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CRIME,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to address issues  
that have arisen due to the use of new technology by making the  
following criminal offenses applicable to electronic or digital  
statements, documents, or records:

- (1) Falsifying business records;
- (2) Obtaining a government-issued identification document  
under false pretenses in the first degree;
- (3) Obtaining a government-issued identification document  
under false pretenses in the second degree;
- (4) Tampering with a government record; and
- (5) Unsworn falsification to authorities.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of the Attorney General and one individual.

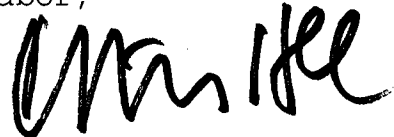
Your Committee finds that with current technology, many  
transactions are handled electronically and records are often kept  
in electronic or digital form. In 2000, Hawaii adopted the



Uniform Electronic Transactions Act, chapter 489E, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to recognize the need to establish the legal validity of electronic records, signatures, and contracts. However, criminal offenses have not been updated to take into account the prevalent use of new technology and the consequent use of new technology to commit a variety of crimes. This measure protects consumers by making relevant criminal offenses also applicable to electronic or digital statements, documents, or records.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2242, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Judiciary and  
Labor,



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CLAYTON HEE, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Seventh Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>HB 2242 HDI</b>	Committee Referral: <b>TEC/CPN, JDL</b>	Date: <b>3/28/14</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
HEE, Clayton (C)	✓			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L. (VC)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les				✓
SOLOMON, Malama				✓
SLOM, Sam				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>			<b>3</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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