

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2588

S.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 Public Safety, Intergovernmental and
Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 2588 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO UNSWORN FALSIFICATION TO A LAW
ENFORCEMENT OFFICER,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Create the offense of unsworn falsification to a law
enforcement officer; and
- (2) Establish a penalty of not less than a misdemeanor.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Honolulu Police Department and the Maui Police
Department. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to
this measure from Babooze Bowstrings and one individual.

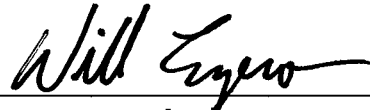
Your Committee finds that when a person deliberately provides
a false statement or document to a law enforcement officer during
an investigation, these statements or documents cause delays in an
investigation by diverting attention and resources from actual
leads in the investigation to an individual having nothing to do
with the crime, allowing the suspect to flee. Hawaii's penal code
does not adequately address these types of situations. This
measure will ensure that investigations are completed without
undue delay due to intentionally false statements or documents
intended to hinder the investigation.



Your Committee has amended this measure by making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2588, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2588, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Public Safety,
Intergovernmental and Military
Affairs,



WILL ESPERO, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Seventh Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs
PSM

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2588	Committee Referral: PSM, JDL	Date: 2/4/14		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
ESPERO, Will (C)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (VC)				✓
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	✓			
GREEN, M.D., Josh	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	4	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes