

### A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO IMPEACHMENT.

#### 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 IMPEACHMENT OF THE GOVERNOR; LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
- 6 § -1 Articles of impeachment; hearing. Impeachment of
- 7 the governor or lieutenant governor shall be instituted in the
- 8 house of representatives by introduction and adoption of a
- 9 resolution appointing managers of the house of representatives
- 10 to prepare and recommend articles of impeachment on the house
- 11 floor, and if adopted, deliver the articles of impeachment to
- 12 the senate for the senate's consideration to prosecute. The
- 13 hearing shall be heard before the senate sitting as a court of
- 14 impeachment. Each house shall adopt rules to carry out the
- 15 provisions of this chapter.
- 16 § -2 Causes for impeachment. The house of
- 17 representatives shall have the power of impeachment of the



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- governor or lieutenant governor for malfeasance in office,
- 2 corruption, dereliction of duty, or other high crimes or
- misdemeanors. Impeachment shall not extend beyond removal from 3
- office and disqualification to hold and enjoy any office of 4
- honor, trust, or profit under the State, but the person 5
- convicted may be liable and subject to indictment, trial, 6
- judgment, and punishment as provided by law."
- 8 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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#### Report Title:

Impeachment; Governor; Lieutenant Governor

### Description:

Establishes requirements for institution of and causes for impeachment of the governor or lieutenant governor.

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