

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1621

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 29 , 2023

RE: S.B. No. 228
S.D. 1
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 228, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FRAUD,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish a general fraud statute that is intended to cover schemes to obtain financial or other gains by means of false statements, misrepresentations, concealment of important information, or deception;
- (2) Establish the offense of making a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim against the State or any county; and
- (3) Prohibit the use of false statements or entries in matters within the jurisdiction of the executive, legislative, or judicial branches of the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Campaign Spending Commission, Commission to Improve Standards of Conduct, Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu, Honolulu Police Department, and one individual.

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Your Committee finds that this measure implements one of the recommendations made by the Commission to Improve Standards of Conduct established pursuant to House Resolution No. 9, Regular Session of 2022. If enacted, this measure would increase public trust in state government and the level of transparency in its operations and accountability of individuals.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to June 30, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 228, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 228, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary &
Hawaiian Affairs,



DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair



