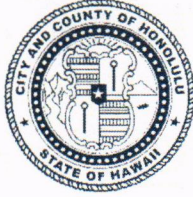


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March 15, 2024

The Honorable David A. Tarnas, Chair
and Members
Committee on Judiciary and
Hawaiian Affairs
House of Representatives
415 South Beretania Street, Room 325
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Chair Tarnas and Members:

SUBJECT: Senate Bill No. 2693, S.D. 2, Relating to States of Emergency

I am Thomas Chang, Captain of the Criminal Investigation Division of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD supports Senate Bill No. 2693, S.D. 2, Relating to States of Emergency.


Charitable fraud during a state of emergency can cause irreversible impacts to the victim and their community during a time of crisis. The proposed measure will serve as a deterrent to such actions. This measure will strengthen the HPD's ability to combat fraudulent schemes or artifices during a state of emergency.


The HPD urges you to support Senate Bill No. 2693, S.D. 2, Relating to States of Emergency.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

APPROVED:

Sincerely,


Arthur J. Logan
Chief of Police


Thomas Chang, Captain
Criminal Investigation Division

TO: Members of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

FROM: Natalie Iwasa, CPA, CFE
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HEARING: 2 p.m. Friday, March 15, 2024

SUBJECT: SB2693, SD2, Charitable Fraud - **COMMENTS**

Aloha Chair Tarnas and Committee Members,

Thank you for allowing the opportunity to provide testimony on SB2693, SD2, which would create the offense of charitable fraud during a state of emergency.

Isn't it already against the law to "use any deceptive act or practice, false pretense, false promise, or misrepresentation in connection with the solicitation of a contribution"?

Likewise, I think it is already illegal to mislead about intended uses of contributions or use contributions in a manner other than as represented, unless approval is provided by the Hawaii Attorney General.

This bill is not needed.

Please hold this bill in committee and focus on the many other important bills that should be considered for passage.

SB-2693-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/14/2024 8:21:06 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/15/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jackie Hester	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose imminent domain for Lahaina and Hawaii as a state. Trying to sneak this thing through while the bill was deferred is yet another sneaky tactic by politicians who have no concerns for these devastated homeowners and residents of Lahaina and their families.

Stop taking advantage of these citizens who don't have the means to fight in court or litigation skills to defend themselves!

I am appalled at all of you. You need to remember your oath. You swore to represent the people!!!

DO THE RIGHT THING!!!