

ACT 137

H.B. NO. 710

A Bill for an Act Relating to Government.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Section 710-1072.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“§710-1072.5 Obstruction of justice. (1) A person commits the offense of obstruction of justice if the person intentionally ~~engages in the following conduct~~:

- (a) When called as a witness and having been granted immunity pursuant to chapters 480 and 621C, before or after having been qualified as a witness, ~~shall refuse~~ refuses to testify or be qualified as a witness[-]; or
- (b) Influences; obstructs; impedes; or endeavors to influence, obstruct, or impede, the due administration of justice by means of force, threat of force, coercion, fraud, or deception.

(2) Obstruction of justice [is] shall be a class C felony[-]; provided that if the person engaged in activity under subsection (1)(b), obstruction of justice shall be a class B felony.”

SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were begun before its effective date.

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved June 29, 2023.)