



A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE

RELATING TO FALSE STATEMENTS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the People of the City and County of Honolulu:

SECTION 1. Purpose. The purpose of this ordinance is to deter persons from making or inciting the making of a false statement to a public servant.

SECTION 2. Chapter 1, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 ("General Provisions"), is amended by adding a new article to be appropriately designated by the Revisor of Ordinances and to read as follows:

"ARTICLE __: MAKING FALSE STATEMENTS TO CITY OFFICIALS

§ 1-__.1 Definitions.

For the purposes of this article, the following definitions apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

City Official. Any city employee who, in the normal course of the employee's duties and responsibilities, conducts investigations or inspections, or both, to ascertain compliance with any city ordinance, rule, or regulation.

False Statement. Any statement, in oral, written, printed, or electronic form, that is incorrect, inaccurate, or not in accordance with truth or fact.

Incite. Influencing another person's behavior, including by requesting, encouraging, commanding, compelling, or coercing that person.

Knowingly. Has the same meaning as defined in HRS § 702-206.

§ 1-__.2 Prohibition.

A person may not knowingly:

- (1) Make a false statement to a city official; or
- (2) Incite the making of a false statement to a city official.



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§ 1-__3 Penalty.

- (a) A person convicted of violating the provisions of this article is guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to punishment by any one or more of the following:
 - (1) A fine not to exceed \$2,000;
 - (2) Imprisonment not to exceed one year; and
 - (3) Community service not to exceed 80 hours.
- (b) In determining the punishment pursuant to subsection (a), the court shall consider the impact of the violation on the public health, safety, and welfare."



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SECTION 3. This ordinance takes effect upon its approval.

INTRODUCED BY:

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DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

JUL 6 2023

Honolulu, Hawai'i

Councilmembers

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Deputy Corporation Counsel

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 20 _____.

RICK BLANGIARDI, Mayor
City and County of Honolulu