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S.B. NO. 2551

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ETHICS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Findings and purpose. The legislature finds
2 that members of state boards and commissions are subject to the
3 chapter 84, Hawaii Revised Statutes, relating to standards of
4 conduct. These include boards that perform only an advisory
5 function. However, members of some county boards and
6 commissions are not subject to the standards of conduct of their
7 jurisdiction.

8 For example, in the city and county of Honolulu, elected
9 members of neighborhood boards are not subject to the city's
10 standards of conduct. The reasons provided by the corporation
11 counsel include the fact that neighborhood board members are
12 elected and not appointed to their boards, and these boards are
13 limited to an advisory role.

14 The legislature believes that appointed and elected members
15 of boards and commissions in both state and county levels of
16 government should be subject to the standards of conduct in
17 their jurisdiction.



1 The purpose of this Act is to clarify that members of
2 county boards and commissions shall be subject to the standards
3 of conduct in their jurisdiction.

4 SECTION 2. Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a
5 new section to be appropriately designated and to read as
6 follows:

7 "§ - County standards of conduct. Notwithstanding any
8 law to the contrary, a county standards of conduct shall apply
9 to all elected or appointed officials of the appropriate county.
10 For purposes of this section, all elected or appointed officials
11 shall include members of boards and commissions, regardless of
12 whether the member is elected or appointed to the board or
13 commission, including all elected members of neighborhood
14 boards."

15 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

16 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.

17 INTRODUCED BY: Yee Chung

Report Title:

Codes of Ethics; Counties

Description:

Clarifies that members of county boards and commissions are subject to the respective county code of ethics, regardless of whether the board or commission member is appointed or elected.

