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# SENATE RESOLUTION

AMENDING THE SENATE RULES RELATING TO INTERNSHIPS.

1 WHEREAS, members of the Senate use interns to assist them  
2 in their functions, especially during session; and

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4 WHEREAS, concern has arisen that a conflict of interest or  
5 undue influence may arise from the use of interns employed by  
6 the private sector, as distinguished from high school or college  
7 interns and interns from the public sector; and

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9 WHEREAS, while the Senate does not find that any actual  
10 conflict has occurred with these past practices, the Senate  
11 acknowledges that there may be a perception in the public that  
12 the use of private sector interns conveys an unwarranted benefit  
13 or influence on the private employer of these interns; and

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15 WHEREAS, the Senate desires to avoid even the appearance of  
16 impropriety by the use of private sector interns; now,  
17 therefore,

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19 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third  
20 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006,  
21 that the Senate Rules are amended by adding a new rule to be  
22 appropriately designated and to read as follows:

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24 **Rule . Legislative Interns. No member shall allow an intern currently**  
25 **employed in the private sector to work in the member's office as a volunteer**  
26 **whether or not the intern is on paid leave from the intern's private sector job**  
27 **during the time of the internship; and**

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
30 Resolution be transmitted to President of the Senate and the  
31 Clerk of the Senate.

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34 OFFERED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

