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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LEGISLATIVE INQUIRIES.

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

1 Chapter 37, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended SECTION 1. by adding a new part to be appropriately designated and to read 2 3 as follows: 4 "PART SALARIES Appropriations available for salaries. 5 §37-No part of any appropriation shall be available for the payment of the 6 7 salary of any officer or employee of the State who: 8 (1)Prohibits or prevents, or attempts or threatens to prohibit or prevent, any officer or employee of the 9 State from having any direct oral or written 10 11 communication or contact with any member of the 12 legislature or a state legislative committee in 13 connection with any matter pertaining to the employment of the other officer or employee or 14

15 pertaining to the department or agency of the other 16 officer or employee in any way, regardless of whether 17 the communication or contact is at the initiative of 18 the other officer or employee or in response to an HB LRB 07-1111.doc



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1 inquiry or request of a member of the legislature or 2 the legislative committee; or 3 Removes, suspends from duty without pay, demotes, (2) reduces in rank, seniority, status, pay, or 4 5 performance of efficiency rating, denies promotion to, 6 relocates, reassigns, transfers, disciplines, or discriminates in regard to any employment right, 7 8 entitlement, or benefit, or any term or condition of 9 employment of, any other officer or employee of the 10 State, or attempts or threatens to commit any of the 11 foregoing actions with respect to another officer or 12 employee, by reason of any communication or contact of 13 the other officer or employee with any member of the 14 legislature or the legislative committee as described 15 in paragraph (1)."

16 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval. 17 Suble INTRODUCED BY: Automation Algebra Ho LRB 07 1111.doc JAN 18 2007 JAN 18 20

Report Title:

Legislative Inquiries and Information Gathering; State Employees

Description:

Assists the legislature with fact-finding and promotes complete and truthful disclosure by prohibiting the payment of salaries of state employees who coerce, intimidate, or otherwise prevent subordinates from sharing information at legislative hearings or in response to other legislative inquiries.

