HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE, 2007 STATE OF HAWAII

H.B. NO. ³⁹¹ H.D. 1

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LEGISLATIVE INQUIRIES.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 37, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
 by adding a new part to be appropriately designated and to read
 as follows:

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"PART . SALARIES

5 §37- Appropriations available for salaries. No part
6 of any appropriation shall be available for the payment of the
7 salary of any officer or employee of the State who:

8 Prohibits or prevents, or attempts or threatens to (1)9 prohibit or prevent, any officer or employee of the 10 State from having any direct oral or written 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 14 employment of the other officer or employee or 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 HB391 HD1 HMS 2007-1922



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1		inquiry or request of a member of the legislature or
2		the legislative committee; or
3	(2)	Removes, suspends from duty without pay, demotes,
4		reduces in rank, seniority, status, pay, or
5		performance of efficiency rating, denies promotion to,
6		relocates, reassigns, transfers, disciplines, or
7		discriminates in regard to any employment right,
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	SECT	ION 2. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2059.



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. (HB391 HD1)

