

JAN 19 2007

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF INFORMATION PRACTICES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the office of
2 information practices plays a vital role in ensuring public
3 access to government documents, while balancing the need to
4 protect privacy rights. Despite significant budget cuts, the
5 office of information practices continues to serve government
6 agencies and the public by responding to requests for
7 assistance, guidance and opinions; adopting rules; monitoring
8 Uniform Information Practices Act related litigation; and
9 educating by means of presentations, publications, and its
10 website. In addition, the office of information practices has
11 taken on the additional responsibility of administering the open
12 meetings law. The legislature finds that additional resources
13 are necessary to enable the office of information practices to
14 respond adequately to requests for assistance as required by
15 law.

16 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to the
17 office of information practices to add one additional attorney



1 in order to allow complaints to be handled in a timely manner,
2 to reduce backlog, and to provide more training for the public.

3 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$85,000, or so much
5 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008 and the
6 same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
7 2008-2009, for one additional attorney in the office of
8 information practices.

9 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the office of
10 information practices for the purposes of this Act.

11 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

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Report Title:

Office of Information Practices; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds for 2007-2008, for one additional attorney in the office of information practices.

