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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC FUNDS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 103, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§103- Public funds; prohibition on hiring lobbyists.

5 (a) State agencies shall be prohibited from using public funds

6 to:

7 (1) Hire any person to engage in lobbying; or

8 (2) Purchase or obtain gifts, of any value, that will be
9 given to any official in the legislative or executive
10 branch.

11 (b) For purposes of this section:

12 "Lobbying" means directly or indirectly influencing or

13 attempting to influence any official in the legislative or

14 executive branch, for the purpose of:

15 (1) Formulating, supporting, or defeating any legislation,

16 rule, executive order, or any other program, policy,

17 or position of the government; or



1 (2) Securing, extending, renewing, or modifying a grant,
2 contract, loan, license, permit, or cooperative
3 agreement.

4 As used in this section, "lobbying" includes the preparation,
5 planning, research, and work that is intended, at the time it is
6 performed, to be used to directly or indirectly influence or
7 attempt to influence any official in the legislative or
8 executive branch for the purposes stated in this subsection.

9 "Public funds" includes any and all funds of the State."

10 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

11 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Public Funds; Lobbying

Description:

Prohibits state agencies from using public funds to hire lobbyists and purchase gifts for lobbying purposes.

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