



1 the legislature, each political subdivision and the  
2 constitutional convention shall adopt a code of ethics which  
3 shall apply to appointed and elected officers and employees of  
4 the State or the political subdivision, respectively, including  
5 members of the boards, commissions and other bodies.

6 Each code of ethics shall be administered by a separate  
7 ethics commission, except the code of ethics adopted by the  
8 constitutional convention which shall be administered by the  
9 state ethics commission. The members of ethics commissions  
10 shall be prohibited from taking an active part in political  
11 management or in political campaigns. Ethics commissioners  
12 shall be selected in a manner which assures their independence  
13 and impartiality. Ethics commissioners shall not themselves be  
14 subject to the jurisdiction of the ethics commission.

15 Each code of ethics shall include, but not be limited to,  
16 provisions on gifts, confidential information, use of position,  
17 contracts with government agencies, post-employment, financial  
18 disclosure and lobbyist registration and restriction. The  
19 financial disclosure provisions shall require all elected  
20 officers, all candidates for elective office and such appointed  
21 officers and employees as provided by law to make public  
22 financial disclosures[-], including financial information that



1 may involve potential conflicts of interest. Other public  
2 officials having significant discretionary or fiscal powers as  
3 provided by law shall make confidential financial disclosures.  
4 All financial disclosure statements shall include, but not be  
5 limited to, sources and amounts of income, business ownership,  
6 officer and director positions, ownership of real property,  
7 debts, creditor interests in insolvent businesses and the names  
8 of persons represented before government agencies."

9 SECTION 3. The questions to be printed on the ballot shall  
10 be as follows:

11 "Shall the Constitution of the State of Hawaii be amended  
12 to provide that the ethics commissioners shall not be  
13 subject to the jurisdiction of the ethics commission and  
14 that elected officers and candidates for elective office  
15 shall be required to make public finance disclosures that  
16 may involve potential conflicts of interest?"

17 SECTION 4. Constitutional material to be repealed is  
18 bracketed and stricken. New constitutional material is  
19 underscored.



1           SECTION 5. This amendment shall take effect upon  
2 compliance with article XVII, section 3, of the Constitution of  
3 the State of Hawaii.

4

INTRODUCED BY:



---



**Report Title:**

Ethics; Constitutional Amendment

**Description:**

Proposes a constitutional amendment to require that ethics commissioners are not themselves subject to the jurisdiction of the ethics commission. Requires elected officers and candidates for elective office to make public finance disclosures that may involve potential conflicts of interest.

