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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LIQUOR COMMISSION EMPLOYEES.

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

1           SECTION 1.   Section 281-22, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 repealed.

3           " ~~[+] §281-22 [+] Political activities of commission~~  
4 ~~employees.   [-(a) A commission employee may support, advocate,~~  
5 ~~or aid in the election or defeat of any candidate for public~~  
6 ~~office, or run for public office, provided the employee:~~

7           ~~(1) Notifies the commission in writing of the employee's~~  
8           ~~intent to support, advocate, or aid in the election or~~  
9           ~~defeat of a candidate for public office; and~~

10          ~~(2) If a candidate for public office, takes a leave of~~  
11          ~~absence in accordance with chapter 79 for a period~~  
12          ~~beginning prior to the initiation of political~~  
13          ~~activities related to the candidacy and ending the day~~  
14          ~~following the general election for the office.~~

15          ~~(b)] Notwithstanding chapter 11 or any other law to the~~  
16          ~~contrary, no commission employee shall solicit or receive~~  
17          ~~contributions, or receive or transfer money or anything of value~~



1 from a licensee for the purpose of supporting, advocating, or  
2 aiding in the election or defeat of a candidate for public  
3 office. Violation of this [~~subsection~~] section shall be:

- 4 (1) Punishable by summary dismissal of the employee; and  
5 (2) Subject to penalties in accordance with section 11-  
6 228."

7 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
8 and stricken.

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



**Report Title:**

Liquor Commission Employees; Political Activities

**Description:**

Repeals certain restrictions on liquor commission employees to support, advocate, or aid in the election or defeat of any candidate for public office. (HB629 HD1)

