
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii is undergoing
2 a fundamental transformation in energy use and policy, which may
3 include an interisland cable, smart electrical grids, new
4 overhead and underground transmission lines, significant
5 renewable energy facilities, and changes in government agency
6 operations that could cost several billion dollars or more.
7 Given the importance of the decisions associated with these
8 projects, it is important that legislators and the public have
9 confidence that the individuals who will be making these
10 decisions do so in the best interest of the public.

11 Currently, key personnel in all branches of state
12 government are required to file a disclosure of financial
13 interests, but not all these disclosures are public records.
14 For example, members of every state board or commission whose
15 original terms of office are for periods exceeding one year and
16 whose functions are not solely advisory are required to file an
17 annual financial disclosure, but only the records of the members



1 of the board of education and the trustees of the office of
2 Hawaiian affairs are public records.

3 The purpose of this Act is to require that the financial
4 disclosure statements of additional key state agency personnel
5 shall be public records and shall be made available for
6 inspection and duplication.

7 SECTION 2. Section 84-17, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
8 amended by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:

9 "(d) The financial disclosure statements of the following
10 persons shall be public records and available for inspection and
11 duplication:

12 (1) The governor, the lieutenant governor, the members of
13 the legislature, candidates for and delegates to the
14 constitutional convention, the members of the board of
15 education, the trustees of the office of Hawaiian
16 affairs, and candidates for state elective offices;

17 (2) The directors of the state departments and their
18 deputies, regardless of the titles by which the
19 foregoing persons are designated; provided that with
20 respect to the department of the attorney general,

21 [~~the foregoing~~] this paragraph shall apply only to the



- 1 attorney general and the first deputy attorney
2 general;
- 3 (3) The administrative director of the State;
- 4 (4) The president, the vice presidents, the assistant vice
5 presidents, the chancellors, and the provosts of the
6 University of Hawaii;
- 7 (5) The superintendent, the deputy superintendent, the
8 state librarian, and the deputy state librarian of the
9 department of education;
- 10 (6) The administrative director and the deputy director of
11 the courts; [~~and~~]
- 12 (7) The administrator and the assistant administrator of
13 the office of Hawaiian affairs [~~-~~]; and
- 14 (8) The commissioners of the public utilities commission."

15 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
16 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

17 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Financial Disclosure; Public Records

Description:

Requires that the financial disclosure statements of the commissioners of the public utilities commission be deemed public records and available for inspection and duplication.
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