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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ETHICS.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 84-11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3           "**§84-11 Gifts.** (a) [NØ] Except as provided in subsection  
4 (b), no legislator or employee shall solicit, accept, or  
5 receive, directly or indirectly, any gift, whether in the form  
6 of money, service, loan, travel, entertainment, hospitality,  
7 thing, or promise, or in any other form, under circumstances in  
8 which it can reasonably be inferred that the gift is intended to  
9 influence the legislator or employee in the performance of the  
10 legislator's or employee's official duties or is intended as a  
11 reward for any official action on the legislator's or employee's  
12 part.

13           (b) A legislator or employee may accept an invitation or  
14 ticket for a charitable event from a charitable entity, whether  
15 or not the charitable entity is the host of the charitable  
16 event.

17           (c) For purposes of this section:



1        "Charitable entity" means an entity that has received  
2 recognition of tax exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the  
3 Internal Revenue Code.

4        "Charitable event" means a fundraiser sponsored by a  
5 charitable entity that is held specifically for the purpose of  
6 raising money for a specific beneficial purpose."

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  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

9        SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.

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**Report Title:**

Ethics; Charitable Events; Legislators; State Employees

**Description:**

Exempts from restrictions on gifts under the ethics code invitations or tickets for a charitable event from a charitable entity, whether or not the charitable entity is the host of the charitable event. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

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