
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE CODE OF ETHICS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Policy makers, state agency leaders, candidates
2 for state elective offices, and members of state boards and
3 commissions are required to file annual financial disclosure
4 statements with the state ethics commission. The financial
5 disclosure statements reveal potential conflicts of interest.

6 However, only the financial disclosure statements of the
7 governor, lieutenant governor, legislators, and state department
8 directors and their deputies are public records and available
9 for inspection and duplication. Financial disclosure statements
10 are not publicly available for the majority of the members of
11 very powerful state boards and commissions. These boards and
12 commissions shape the political, economic, social,
13 environmental, and cultural fabric of society in Hawaii.

14 The purpose of this Act is to further ensure transparency
15 and accountability of individuals serving in state government by
16 making the financial disclosure statements of state board and
17 commission members holding permitting and licensing official
18 authority public documents and available for public inspection.



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

3 "(d) The financial disclosure statements of the following
4 persons shall be public records and available for inspection and
5 duplication:

6 (1) The governor, the lieutenant governor, the members of
7 the legislature, candidates for and delegates to the
8 constitutional convention, the trustees of the office
9 of Hawaiian affairs, and candidates for state elective
10 offices;

11 (2) The directors of the state departments and their
12 deputies, regardless of the titles by which the
13 foregoing persons are designated; provided that with
14 respect to the department of the attorney general, the
15 foregoing shall apply only to the attorney general and
16 the first deputy attorney general;

17 (3) The administrative director of the State;

18 (4) The president, the vice presidents, the assistant vice
19 presidents, the chancellors, and the provosts of the
20 University of Hawaii;

21 (5) The members of the board of education and the
22 superintendent, the deputy superintendent, the state



- 1 librarian, and the deputy state librarian of the
- 2 department of education;
- 3 (6) The administrative director and the deputy director of
- 4 the courts; [~~and~~]
- 5 (7) The administrator and the assistant administrator of
- 6 the office of Hawaiian affairs[-]; and
- 7 (8) The members of state boards or commissions that have
- 8 official authority that includes approving, issuing,
- 9 or renewing permits or licenses relating to land use,
- 10 water use, or the regulation of public utilities."

11 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
 12 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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Report Title:

Financial Disclosure Statements; Boards and Commissions; Public Documents

Description:

Makes the financial disclosure statements of members of state boards and commissions holding official authority over permitting or licensing of land use related matters, water use related matters, or the regulation of public utilities public documents and available for public inspection and duplication.

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