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# 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 public documents and available for public  
18 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, board of regents, and the  
20 provosts of the 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, including  
8           but not limited to the following:

9           (A) Board of directors of the agribusiness  
10           development corporation established under section  
11           163D-3;

12           (B) Board of agriculture established under section  
13           26-16;

14           (C) The members of the state ethics commission  
15           established under section 84-21;

16           (D) Hawaii community development authority  
17           established under section 206E-3;

18           (E) Hawaiian homes commission established under  
19           section 26-17;

20           (F) Board of directors of the Hawaii housing finance  
21           and development corporation established under  
22           section 201H-3;



- 1           (G) Board of land and natural resources established
- 2           under section 171-4;
- 3           (H) Land use commission established under section
- 4           205-1;
- 5           (I) Legacy land conservation commission established
- 6           under section 173A-2.4;
- 7           (J) Natural area reserves system commission
- 8           established under section 195-6;
- 9           (K) Board of directors of the natural energy
- 10           laboratory of Hawaii authority established under
- 11           section 227D-2;
- 12           (L) Board of directors of the Hawaii public housing
- 13           authority established under section 356D-3;
- 14           (M) Board of directors of the public land development
- 15           corporation established under section 171C-3;
- 16           (N) Public utilities commission established under
- 17           section 269-2;
- 18           (O) Commission on water resource management
- 19           established under section 174C-7;
- 20           (P) Hawaii labor relations board established under
- 21           section 89-5; and



1            (Q) Labor and industrial relations appeals board  
2                    established under section 371-4."

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  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

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



**Report Title:**

Financial Disclosure Statements; Boards and Commissions; Public Documents

**Description:**

Makes the financial disclosure statements of members of state boards and commissions available for public inspection and duplication. (SB66 HD1)

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