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The Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair
The Honorable Maile S. L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair
Honorable Members
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 407
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: **Testimony on Senate Bill No. 66, Relating to the Code of Ethics**

Hearing: February 5, 2013, 10:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 016

Testimony From: Hawaii State Ethics Commission

The Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair; The Honorable Maile S. L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair;
and Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 66, Relating to the Code of Ethics. The Hawaii State Ethics Commission ("Commission") supports the intent of Senate Bill No. 66 to require that the financial disclosure statements filed with the Commission by members of state boards and commissions having official authority that includes approving, issuing, or renewing permits or licenses relating to land use, water use, or the regulation of public utilities are public records and available for inspection and duplication. However, the Commission recommends that the language of Senate Bill No. 66 be amended to identify by name the specific state boards and commissions to which the bill applies.

The current law, HRS section 84-17, requires "members of every state board or commission whose original terms of office are for periods exceeding one year and whose functions are not solely advisory" to file an annual financial disclosure statement with the Commission.¹ However, as Senate Bill No. 66 recognizes, the financial disclosure statements of members of the majority of state boards are not available to the public for inspection.

¹ HRS section 84-17(c)(9).

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The Commission supports the intent of Senate Bill No. 66 to make public the financial disclosure statements of members of state boards and commissions having official authority that includes approving, issuing, or renewing permits or licenses relating to land use, water use, or the regulation of public utilities. However, the bill does not specifically identify those boards and commissions by name. To avoid any uncertainty as to which boards and commission Senate Bill No. 66 applies, the Commission recommends that the language of Senate Bill No. 66 be amended to specifically identify by name the boards and commissions to which the bill applies.²

The primary purpose of the financial disclosure law is to provide transparency into the financial interests of legislators, state officials, state employees, and state board members to help identify potential conflicts of interests. The Commission receives almost 1,800 financial disclosure statements annually, the vast majority of which are confidential. By law, less than 200 financial disclosure statements are accessible by the public. Unfortunately, due to the Commission's limited resources and, in many cases, lack of complete understanding as to a person's official duties, the Commission's ability to review all financial disclosure filings and to determine whether a person has a conflict of interest may be quite limited. For that reason, generally, the public is the best and most effective means to identify possible conflicts of interest.

Given the underlying purpose of the State Ethics Code to foster public confidence in state government, the Commission believes that allowing public review of the financial disclosure statements filed by the members of the state boards and commissions having official authority that includes approving, issuing, or renewing permits or licenses relating to land use, water use, or the regulation of public utilities is consistent with that purpose.

Thank you for considering the Commission's testimony.

² For example, the Public Utilities Commission ("PUC") should be specifically identified because it is a state board that regulates public utilities. The Commission has introduced legislation to require that members of the Public Utilities Commission, as well as members of several other state boards who currently file confidential financial disclosure statements, file public financial disclosure statements. See Senate Bill No. 432.

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| Kanohowailuku Helm | I Aloha Molokai | Support | No |

Comments: COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR Senator Clayton Hee, Chair Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair SB66-RELATING TO THE CODE OF ETHICS. 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. Testimony- Kanohowailuku Helm, President of I Aloha Molokai, DATE: Tuesday, February 5, 2013 TIME: 10:00 a.m. PLACE: Conference Room 016 State Capitol 415 South Beretania Street Aloha Chairman Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro and committee members; This testimony is in support of SB-66 if we believe in democracy, honesty and transparency this bill should pass. Mahalo Kanohowailuku

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COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR
Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair

DATE: Tuesday, February 5, 2013

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PLACE: Conference Room 016

SB 66 Code of Ethics

STRONG SUPPORT

Aloha Chair Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro and members of the Committee

My name is Henry Curtis and I am the Executive Director of Life of the Land, Hawai'i's own energy, environmental and community action group advocating for the people and `aina for over four decades. Our mission is to preserve and protect the life of the land through sound energy and land use policies and to promote open government through research, education, advocacy and, when necessary, litigation.

Sometimes bad proposals pass anyway. It may be because someone with a connection to the project is voting on the project, and is persuasive in convincing other board meetings to do the same.

The problem is the lack of sunshine, the lack of transparency. Money, like water, seeps through the cracks. It always finds a way in.

OIP and other state monitoring agencies lack the funds to map all of the connections regulators might have with all of the projects that move through regulatory agencies.

Each board member of powerful state regulatory agencies must file an annual financial disclosure form. But, except for Cabinet Members, they are secret. The public is kept in the dark about the financial ties of board members.

This bill asserts that major land use, water use and energy boards and commissions are making long-lasting policy, and it is just too important to avoid looking at conflicts of interest. Commissioners file disclosure forms. Just make them public! And then allow members of the public to spot potential conflicts of interest! Have faith in the people!

A lack of transparency results in distrust and a deep sense of insecurity.

- Dalai Lama

The elephant in the room is the issue of transparency."

-Michael Froomkin

"A popular government, without popular information, or the means of acquiring it, is but a prologue to a farce or a tragedy; or, perhaps, both."

- Pres. James Madison, August 4, 1822

"Press releases tell us when federal agencies do something right, but the Freedom of Information Act lets us know when they do not."

-Sen. Patrick Leahy, 1996

"When information which properly belongs to the public is systematically withheld by those in power, the people soon become ignorant of their own affairs, distrustful of those who manage them, and - eventually - incapable of determining their own destinies."

-Pres. Richard Nixon, 1972

"No one has demonstrated that an ignorant society is a safe society."

- Lucy Dalglish, executive director, Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, 2002

"...a nation that is afraid to let its people judge the truth and falsehood in an open market is afraid of its people." Pres. John F. Kennedy, 1962

"When government begins closing doors, it selectively controls information rightfully belonging to the people."

-Judge Damon Keith, U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals

"...those who won our independence believed that public discussion is a political duty; and that this should be a fundamental principle of the American government."

-Justice Brandeis, *Whitney vs. California*, 1927

"The more that government becomes secret, the less it remains free."

-James Russell Wiggins, newspaper editor, 1956

"We seek a free flow of information...we are not afraid to entrust the American people with unpleasant facts, foreign ideas, alien philosophies, and competitive values."

-John F. Kennedy, February 1962

"We must never forget that the free flow of information is essential to a democratic society." Pres. Clinton, veto of Intelligence Re-Authorization Bill, 2000

"Government ought to be all outside and no inside."

-Pres. Woodrow Wilson

"The only thing new in the world is the history you don't know."

- Pres. Harry Truman

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| Barbara B. Polk | Americans for Democratic Action/Hawaii | Support | No |

Comments: Financial disclosures that are not disclosed to the public in effect disclose nothing. It is very much in the public interest to know the financial interests that may impact the deliberations or decisions of members of boards and commissions that carry out important governmental roles by deciding on permits and licenses. Americans for Democratic Action/Hawaii urges you to pass this bill.

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TESTIMONY OF HERMINA MORITA
CHAIR, PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE
STATE OF HAWAII
TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY & LABOR

FEBRUARY 5, 2013
10:00 a.m.

WRITTEN COMMENTS ONLY

MEASURE: S.B. No. 66
TITLE: Relating to the Code of Ethics

Chair Hee and Members of the Committee:

DESCRIPTION:

This measure proposes to extend to members of state boards and commissions, including members of the Public Utilities Commission ("Commission"), the requirement under Section 84 17(d), Hawaii Revised Statutes, that financial disclosure statements made to the State Ethics Commission also be deemed public records and be made available for "public inspection and duplication."

POSITION:

The Commission would like to offer the following comments for the Committee's consideration.

COMMENTS:

The Commission supports the principle of open and transparent government, however, requiring some board and commission members to disclose their personal finances publicly may discourage the most qualified candidates from participating in these roles.

Specifically for the Commission, the Commission would like to suggest for the Committee's consideration that Commissioners instead file with their current statutorily required financial disclosure statements an affidavit affirming that he or she does not have a financial interest in any business regulated by the Commission. The suggested alternative may be a more focused and direct method of confirming the lack of potential financial conflicts for a Commissioner.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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| Elaine Callinan | Individual | Comments Only | No |

Comments: The words 'disclosure' and 'confidential' are opposites. How can they inspire confidence in our state government when they are used in tandem? When an individual chooses to represent the people in an official capacity, especially one which votes on policy, it is essential to ensure that even the appearance of personal financial secrecy be avoided. I can think of no justification for legislating the exclusion of disclosure for a public servant entrusted with board or committee responsibilities. I request that SB66 be clarified to include all involved officials, whether appointed or elected. Thank you for ensuring transparency of our governing officials.

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| Elaine Munro | Individual | Oppose | No |

Comments: I strongly believe that the elected, appointed, and agency board members SHOULD disclose their financial information and that it SHOULD be made available to the public. This state has had a history of deals made in the dark. Time for the sun to shine on their actions and possible conflicts of interests.

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| Cory Harden | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: Please give citizens the tools they need to find out what's REALLY going on. Mahalo!

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| Pohakamalamalama Palmer | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: This only works when it's passed. Please see it passes.

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| Sue Haglund | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: I am full support of SB66. According to HRS § 710-1000 (15) "Public servant" means any officer or employee of any branch of government, whether elected, appointed, or otherwise employed, and any person participating as advisor, consultant, or otherwise, in performing a governmental function, but the term does not include jurors or witnesses; As public servants, the appointed members who serve on state boards and commissions conduct and perform "a governmental function" when they approve, issue, or renew permits or licenses relating to land use, water use, or the regulation of public utilities. They are public citizens who serve on state boards and commissions "approving, issuing, or renewing permits or licenses relating to land use, water use, or the regulation of public utilities." They should have their financial disclosure statements open to the public and not obfuscated. Their decisions on policies and regulations based on land use, water use and public utilities have a crucial, vital impact on our public society. If the State can appoint members of the public to serve on these state boards and commissions to regulate such vital issues, then the public should have full access to the financial disclosure statements of these appointees in order to make sure that these decision-makers have the best interest of the public and not hold a conflict of interest. After all, persons who sit and serve on state boards and commission are public servants who perform a governmental function on a daily basis. It is in the best interest of the public that our legislature approve SB66. To approve SB66 demonstrates the improvement of our State's integrity, transparency and accountability. Please pass SB66. Thank you.

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| Emiko Okawa | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: We need to be clear the part. Show us truth.

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| Wendy Raebeck | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: I whole-heartedly support SB 66, and appreciate that this important issue is being deliberated. All public authorities must be fully accountable, and the only way to achieve full accountability is for the public to have access to accounting and voting information. Thank you for making Hawai`i more responsible.

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| Lucienne de Naie | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: Aloha Chairman Hee and committee members, Please support SB66 in your committee deliberations and move it forward. The public expects honesty and transparency in government processes. Individuals who serve on state boards and commissions with power over regulatory decisions should have annual financial disclosure statements which are public documents, available for viewing. Board and commission members take an oath to make fair and impartial decisions based upon Hawaii's laws. It is important that the public be able to verify that there are no conflicts of financial interest inherent in the personal dealings of appointees to boards or commissions with discretionary regulatory duties. By the way, I have served as a Planning Commissioner and applied for other regulatory bodies, and believe that these standards make sense for all who serve in these positions. Mahalo for your consideration Lucienne de Naie Huelo, Maui, Hawaii

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| Dr. Laurence Tool | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: Aloha Honorable Committee Members. All financial disclosure statements of all public officials, elected or appointed, need to be publically available at all times. This is standard practice in every country that aspires to honest government. Hawaii has made good progress towards becoming a fully functioning American state, but high on our list of unfinished business should be the implementation basic First Amendment guarantees. Private or secret government perhaps served the needs of colonial exploiters, but free citizens deserve better. I support this bill as currently written. Mahalo for your attention.

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| Anne Thurston | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: The residents of Hawaii expect that their government will be transparent and accountable. This act is an important step toward this purpose, and I support it strongly.

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| Noel Kent | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: It is critical that the commissioners' financial records be public and transparent. We the public need to know if they are in conflict of interest in the decisions they are handing down. Otherwise, we have government by secrecy and stealth.

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| B.A. McClintock | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: Transparency is one of the main characteristics of democracy. Please support this bill.

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| Shirley | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: All employees of the State and County should disclose their financial statements every year.

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| Karen Chun | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: Dear Judicial Members, It seems only reasonable that State Board members and commissioners should fill out public financial disclosures since they have a huge amount of power (e.g. PUC, LUC...) I'd like to see this extend down to the County level. Thank you Karen Chun 87 Lae St Paia HI 96779

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| Janeel Hew | Individual | Support | No |

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| James W Macey | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: I strongly support this bill. We must have transparency at all levels of our government.

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| Emily Kandagawa | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: Our governments **MUST** be held accountable for the financial interests that continue to influence their decisions and cause them to act in a manner contemptuous of their constituents.

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| Robert Petricci | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: Feb 5, 2013 10:00 AM RE: SB66 Strong support Aloha chairman Hee and committee members. I believe we need greater transparency and trust in the people that serve on our Boards & Commissions such as LUC, BLNR, Water Commission, HCDA, PUC, PLDC, ect. I support anything that attempts to avoid even the appearance of conflicts of interest or impropriety in these very powerful positions. SB66 will help with this. Please support SB66 Policy makers, state agency leaders, candidates for state elective offices, and members of state boards and commissions are required to file annual financial disclosure statements with the state ethics commission. The financial disclosure statements reveal potential conflicts of interest. However, only the financial disclosure statements of the governor, lieutenant governor, legislators, and state department directors and their deputies are public records and available for inspection and duplication. Financial disclosure statements are not publicly available for the majority of the members of very powerful state boards and commissions. These boards and commissions shape the political, economic, social, environmental, and cultural fabric of society in Hawaii. The purpose of this Act is to further ensure transparency and accountability of individuals serving in state government by making the financial disclosure statements of state board and commission members holding permitting and licensing official authority public documents and available for public inspection. Section 84-17(d) The financial disclosure statements of the following persons shall be public records and available for inspection and duplication: ... (8) The members of state boards or commissions that have official authority that includes approving, issuing, or renewing permits or licenses relating to land use, water use, or the regulation of public utilities." Thank you for your time and consideration. Robert Petricci President Puna Pono Alliance

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| Patricia Blair | Individual | Support | No |

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| Paul McKimmy | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: Public disclosure of potential conflicts of interest is paramount to a healthy democratic process. Support this bill!

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| Elaine D. | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: SB 66 is sound legislation and any objection to it could not be rational. It is long overdue.

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