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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LOBBYISTS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 97-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:
3 " (a) Any person who:
4 (1) [~~Wilfully fails~~] Fails to file any statement or report
5 required by this chapter;
6 (2) [~~Wilfully~~] Negligently files a statement or report
7 containing false information or material omission of
8 any fact;
9 (3) Engages in activities prohibited by section 97-5; or
10 (4) Fails to provide information required by section 97-2
11 or 97-3;
12 shall be subject to an administrative fine imposed by the state
13 ethics commission that shall not exceed \$500 for each violation
14 of this chapter. All fines collected under this section shall
15 be deposited into the general fund."

16 SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
17 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
18 begun before its effective date.



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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed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

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

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INTRODUCED BY: *[Signature]*



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Report Title:

Ethics Commission Package; Lobbyists; Penalties

Description:

Imposes absolute liability for failure to file a lobbyist statement or report. Adds a negligence element to the filing of a required statement or report with false information or a material omission of any fact.

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