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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. Chapter 97, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended  
2 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to  
3 read as follows:

4           "§97-       Mandatory lobbyist training course. (a) All  
5 lobbyists who are registered pursuant to section 97-2 shall  
6 annually complete a lobbyist training course administered by the  
7 state ethics commission.

8           (b) The state ethics commission shall establish, design,  
9 supervise, and conduct lobbyist training designed specifically  
10 for registered lobbyists that shall include:

11           (1) Education and training in the lobbying laws set forth  
12 in this chapter;

13           (2) Explanations and discussions of the lobbying laws,  
14 administrative rules, and relevant internal  
15 procedures;

16           (3) Specific technical and legal requirements;

17           (4) The underlying purposes and principles of lobbying  
18 laws; and



1       (5) A question and answer participatory segment regarding  
2           common problems and situations.

3       The state ethics commission shall develop the methods and  
4       prepare any materials necessary to implement the course.

5       (c) The state ethics commission shall:

6       (1) Administer the lobbyist training course;

7       (2) Designate members of its legal staff to conduct the  
8           lobbyist training course; and

9       (3) Notify each registered lobbyist that attendance is  
10           mandatory.

11       (d) The state ethics commission shall conduct a lobbyist  
12       training course in January of each year and may repeat the  
13       course as necessary to accommodate all lobbyists who are  
14       required to attend. The course shall be for a period of at  
15       least two hours."

16       SECTION 2. Section 97-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
17       amended to read as follows:

18       "**§97-2 Registration of lobbyists, requirements.** (a)

19       Every lobbyist shall file a registration form with the state  
20       ethics commission within five days of becoming a lobbyist.

21       (b) Each lobbyist shall provide and certify the following  
22       information:



1 (1) The name, mailing address, and business telephone  
2 number of the lobbyist.

3 (2) The name and principal place of business of each  
4 person by whom the lobbyist is retained or employed or  
5 on whose behalf the lobbyist appears or works and a  
6 written authorization to act as a lobbyist from each  
7 person by whom the lobbyist is employed or with whom  
8 the lobbyist contracts.

9 (3) The subject areas on which the lobbyist expects to  
10 lobby.

11 (c) A lobbyist shall report any change in any of the  
12 information contained in the registration statement within ten  
13 days after the change has occurred.

14 (d) A lobbyist shall file a notice of termination within  
15 ten days after the lobbyist ceases the activity which required  
16 the lobbyist's registration. The lobbyist and the employer of  
17 the lobbyist shall remain subject, however, to the requirements  
18 of chapter 97 for the period during which the registration was  
19 effective.

20 (e) A lobbyist shall complete a lobbyist training course  
21 administered by the state ethics commission annually, as  
22 required under section 97- .



- 1        [~~e~~] (f) This chapter shall not apply to:
- 2        (1) Any individual who represents oneself and not any
- 3                other person before the legislature or administrative
- 4                agency; provided that such individual must nonetheless
- 5                file a statement of expenditures if the individual
- 6                meets any of the provisions of section 97-3(a);
- 7        (2) Any federal, state, or county official or employee
- 8                acting in the official's or employee's official
- 9                capacity, unless the federal, state or county
- 10               official, or employee contracts for the services of a
- 11               lobbyist;
- 12        (3) Any elected public official acting in the public
- 13               official's official capacity, unless the public
- 14               official contracts for the services of a lobbyist;
- 15        (4) Any newspaper or other regularly published periodical
- 16               or radio or television station (including any
- 17               individual who owns, publishes, or is employed by a
- 18               newspaper or periodical or radio or television
- 19               station) while publishing in the regular course of
- 20               business news items, editorials, or other comments, or
- 21               paid advertisements, which directly or indirectly urge



1 the passage or defeat of legislative or administrative  
2 action;

3 (5) Any attorney who advises the attorney's clients on the  
4 construction or effect of proposed legislative or  
5 administrative action; provided that such attorney  
6 must nonetheless register if the attorney meets any of  
7 the provisions of section 97-1(6); and

8 (6) Any person who possesses special skills and knowledge  
9 relevant to certain areas of legislation, whose skills  
10 and knowledge may be helpful to the legislative and  
11 executive branches of state government, and who makes  
12 an occasional appearance at the request of the  
13 legislature or an administrative agency, or the  
14 lobbyist even though receiving reimbursement or other  
15 payment from the legislature or administrative agency  
16 or the lobbyist for the appearance."

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

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

20 INTRODUCED BY:

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# S.B. NO. 2637

**Report Title:**

Lobbyists; Lobbyist Training; State Ethics Commission

**Description:**

Requires all registered lobbyists to annually complete a course in lobbyist training regarding lobbying laws that is administered by the state ethics commission.

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