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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature declares that requiring the  
2 ethics commission to review the decisions and actions of the  
3 University of Hawaii board of regents to ensure compliance with  
4 state ethics laws is a matter of statewide concern.

5           SECTION 2. Chapter 84, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended  
6 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to  
7 read as follows:

8           "§84-     Review of University of Hawaii board of regents'  
9 decisions and actions; reporting. (a) In addition to any other  
10 powers that the ethics commission may have pursuant to this  
11 chapter, the ethics commission shall conduct reviews of the  
12 official disclosures of the members of the University of Hawaii  
13 board of regents to determine if any decision or action by a  
14 member of the board of regents violated section 84-14.

15           (b) No later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
16 each regular session, the ethics commission shall submit an  
17 annual report to the legislature of all commission inquiries and



1 their dispositions relating to, and all violations of this  
 2 chapter committed by, any member of the University of Hawaii  
 3 board of regents; provided that the commission shall not  
 4 disclose the name of any member of the University of Hawaii  
 5 board of regents who was investigated, unless otherwise  
 6 authorized under this chapter."

7 SECTION 3. Section 84-17, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
 8 amended by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:

9 "(d) The financial disclosure statements of the following  
 10 persons shall be public records and available for inspection and  
 11 duplication:

12 (1) The governor, the lieutenant governor, the members of  
 13 the legislature, candidates for and delegates to the  
 14 constitutional convention, the trustees of the office  
 15 of Hawaiian affairs, and candidates for state elective  
 16 offices;

17 (2) The directors of the state departments and their  
 18 deputies, regardless of the titles by which the  
 19 foregoing persons are designated; provided that with  
 20 respect to the department of the attorney general, the



- 1           foregoing shall apply only to the attorney general and  
2           the first deputy attorney general;
- 3           (3) The administrative director of the State;
- 4           (4) The president, the vice presidents, the assistant vice  
5           presidents, the chancellors, [~~members of the board of~~  
6           ~~regents,~~] and the provosts of the University of  
7           Hawaii;
- 8           (5) The members of the board of education and the  
9           superintendent, the deputy superintendent, the state  
10          librarian, and the deputy state librarian of the  
11          department of education;
- 12          (6) The administrative director and the deputy director of  
13          the courts;
- 14          (7) The administrator and the assistant administrator of  
15          the office of Hawaiian affairs; and
- 16          (8) The members of the following state boards,  
17          commissions, and agencies:
- 18                (A) The board of directors of the agribusiness  
19                development corporation established under section  
20                163D-3;



- 1 (B) The board of agriculture established under
- 2 section 26-16;
- 3 (C) The state ethics commission established under
- 4 section 84-21;
- 5 (D) The Hawaii community development authority
- 6 established under section 206E-3;
- 7 (E) The Hawaiian homes commission established under
- 8 the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920, as
- 9 amended, and section 26-17;
- 10 (F) The board of directors of the Hawaii housing
- 11 finance and development corporation established
- 12 under section 201H-3;
- 13 (G) The board of land and natural resources
- 14 established under section 171-4;
- 15 (H) The state land use commission established under
- 16 section 205-1;
- 17 (I) The legacy land conservation commission
- 18 established under section 173A-2.4;
- 19 (J) The natural area reserves system commission
- 20 established under section 195-6;



- 1 (K) The board of directors of the natural energy
- 2 laboratory of Hawaii authority established under
- 3 section 227D-2;
- 4 (L) The board of directors of the Hawaii public
- 5 housing authority established under section
- 6 356D-3;
- 7 (M) The public utilities commission established under
- 8 section 269-2; and
- 9 (N) The commission on water resource management
- 10 established under section 174C-7."

11 SECTION 4. This Act does not affect rights and duties that  
12 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were  
13 begun before its effective date.

14 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
15 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

16 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2525.



**Report Title:**

UH; Board of Regents; Ethics Code; Financial Disclosures

**Description:**

Requires the State Ethics Commission to review the University of Hawaii Board of Regents' official disclosures to determine if any decision or action by a Board of Regents member violated conflict-of-interest laws. Protects from public disclosure the financial disclosure statements of the University of Hawaii Board of Regents that are filed with the State Ethics Commission. (HB1532 HD1)

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