
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LOBBYING EXPENDITURES.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 97-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending the definition of "expenditure" to read as
3 follows:

4 "(4) "Expenditure" includes a payment, distribution,
5 forgiveness of a loan, advance, deposit, or gift of
6 money, or anything of value and includes a contract,
7 promise, or agreement, whether or not enforceable, to
8 make an expenditure. "Expenditure" also includes
9 compensation or other consideration paid to a lobbyist
10 for the performance of lobbying services.

11 ~~["Expenditure" excludes the expenses of preparing~~
12 ~~written testimony and exhibits for a hearing before~~
13 ~~the legislature or an administrative agency.] "~~

14 SECTION 2. Section 97-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
15 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

16 "(c) The statement shall contain the following
17 information:



- 1 (1) The name and address of each person with respect to
2 whom expenditures for the purpose of lobbying in the
3 total sum of \$25 or more per day was made by the
4 person filing the statement during the statement
5 period and the amount or value of [~~such~~] the
6 expenditure;
- 7 (2) The name and address of each person with respect to
8 whom expenditures for the purpose of lobbying in the
9 aggregate of \$150 or more was made by the person
10 filing the statement during the statement period and
11 the amount or value of [~~such~~] the expenditures;
- 12 (3) The total sum or value of all expenditures for the
13 purpose of lobbying made by the person filing the
14 statement during the statement period [~~in excess of~~
15 ~~\$750 during the statement period~~]; provided that the
16 sum or value of each expenditure is itemized in the
17 following categories, as applicable:
- 18 (A) Preparation and distribution of lobbying
19 materials;
- 20 (B) Media advertising;
- 21 (C) Compensation paid to lobbyists;



- 1 (D) Fees paid to consultants or services;
- 2 (E) Entertainment and events;
- 3 (F) Receptions, meals, food, and beverages;
- 4 (G) Gifts;
- 5 (H) Loans; and
- 6 (I) Other disbursements;
- 7 (4) The name and address of each person making
- 8 contributions to the person filing the statement for
- 9 the purpose of lobbying in the total sum of \$25 or
- 10 more during the statement period and the amount or
- 11 value of [~~such~~] the contributions; and
- 12 (5) The subject area of the legislative and administrative
- 13 action which was supported or opposed by the person
- 14 filing the statement during the statement period."

15 SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
 16 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
 17 begun before its effective date.

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

20 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2030.



Report Title:

Ethics Commission Package; Lobbyists; Expenditures

Description:

Broadens the term "expenditures" by removing the exemption for expenses relating to the preparation of testimony before a legislative or administrative hearing. Requires a lobbyist's statement of expenditures to include total expenditures, rather than expenditures over \$750. (HB181 HD1)

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