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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 97-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsections (a) and (b) to read as follows:

3 "(a) The following persons shall file a statement of
4 expenditures with the state ethics commission on March 31,
5 May 31, [and] January 31 [~~of each year~~], the second Friday in
6 August, and the first Monday in November of each general
7 election year and within thirty days after adjournment sine die
8 of any special session of the legislature:

9 (1) Each lobbyist;

10 (2) Each person who spends \$750 or more of the person's or
11 any other person's money in any six-month period for
12 the purpose of attempting to influence legislative or
13 administrative action or a ballot issue by
14 communicating or urging others to communicate with
15 public officials; provided that any amounts expended
16 for travel costs, including incidental meals and



1 lodging, shall not be included in the tallying of the
2 \$750; and

3 (3) Each person who employs or contracts for the services
4 of one or more lobbyists, whether independently or
5 jointly with other persons. If the person is an
6 industry, trade, or professional association, only the
7 association is the employer of the lobbyist.

8 (b) The March 31 report shall cover the period from
9 January 1 through the last day of February. The May 31 report
10 shall cover the period from March 1 through April 30. The pre-
11 primary report, filed on the second Friday in August, shall
12 cover the period from May 1 through July 31. The pre-general
13 election report, filed on the first Monday in November, shall
14 cover the period from August 1 through October 31. The pre-
15 primary and pre-general election reports shall be filed in
16 general election years. The January 31 report shall cover the
17 period from [~~May 1~~] November 1 through December 31 of the
18 previous year. The report to be filed within thirty days after
19 adjournment sine die of a special session of the legislature
20 shall cover the period from May 1 through adjournment sine die
21 of that special session and shall apply to and include only



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1 those expenditures and contributions that relate to legislative
2 action considered during that special session."

3 SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
4 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
5 begun before its effective date.

6 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
7 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

8 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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Report Title:

Lobbyists; Statement of Expenditures; Reporting

Description:

Requires lobbyists and specified individuals to file two additional reports to the Hawaii State Ethics Commission, including one report on the second Friday in August and one report on the first Monday in November in general election years, similarly to the filing frequency that candidates and the treasurer of candidate committees are required to file pursuant to section 11-334, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

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