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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that to enhance public
2 trust in government, steps should be taken to deter allegations
3 concerning potential conflicts of interest in the legislative
4 process. Specifically, the legislature finds that lobbyists who
5 lobby the legislature should be regulated more stringently to
6 reduce actual or perceived conflicts of interest.

7 The purpose of this Act is to prohibit registered lobbyists
8 who lobby the legislature, principals of these lobbyists, agents
9 and clients of these lobbyists, and any political action
10 committee on which the these lobbyists sit from making a
11 contribution to the governor, lieutenant governor, or members of
12 the legislature while the legislature is in session.

13 SECTION 2. Section 97-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 "~~§~~97-5~~§~~ **Restricted activities**~~[-]~~; campaign
16 contributions. (a) No lobbyist shall accept or agree to accept



1 any payment in any way contingent upon the defeat, enactment, or
2 outcome of any proposed legislative or administrative action.

3 (b) No lobbyist, principal of a lobbyist, client of a
4 lobbyist, agent of a lobbyist, or political action committee on
5 which a lobbyist sits, that lobbies the legislature shall make a
6 campaign contribution to:

7 (1) The governor;

8 (2) The lieutenant governor; or

9 (3) A member of the legislature, when the legislature is
10 convened in regular or special session.

11 (c) This section does not affect the requirements of
12 section 84-11.

13 (d) For purposes of this section:

14 "Contribution" does not include any gifts of flowers, food,
15 or other items customarily given during the course of a session.

16 "Political action committee" means a political committee
17 registered with the Federal Election Commission as a political
18 action committee.

19 "Principal of a lobbyist" means any person or entity that
20 employs, retains, engages, or uses a lobbyist, regardless of
21 whether the lobbyist is compensated."



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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed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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S.B. NO. 238

Report Title:

Lobbyist; Contributions; Governor; Lieutenant Governor;
Legislators

Description:

Prohibits registered lobbyists who lobby the legislature, principals of these lobbyists, agents and clients of these lobbyists, and any political action committee on which the these lobbyists sit from making a campaign contribution to the governor, lieutenant governor, or members of the legislature while the legislature is in session.

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