
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION.

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

1 PART I

2 SECTION 1. Act 151, Session Laws of Hawaii 2015,
3 appropriated \$130,000 in general funds for fiscal year 2015-2016
4 to the state ethics commission for the design and development of
5 an electronic filing system. The executive director of the
6 state ethics commission, however, has indicated that the total
7 amount of the appropriation will not be expended due to the
8 implementation of an alternative, less costly design and
9 development approach.

10 The purpose of this part is to reduce the appropriation in
11 Act 151, Session Laws of Hawaii 2015, from \$130,000 to \$50,000
12 to design and develop the electronic filing system.

13 SECTION 2. Act 151, Session Laws of Hawaii 2015, is
14 amended by amending section 2 to read as follows:

15 "SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of [~~\$130,000~~] \$50,000 or
17 so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 to



1 design and develop a system that allows filers to electronically
2 file required statements and reports with the state ethics
3 commission.

4 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the state ethics
5 commission for the purposes of this Act."

6 PART II

7 SECTION 3. The legislature finds that the funds not
8 necessary to cover the costs for the design and development of
9 an electronic filing system should be reappropriated for other
10 costs expected to be incurred by the state ethics commission.

11 The purpose of this part is to:

- 12 (1) Establish a task force to review and make
- 13 recommendations regarding the lobbyist laws under
- 14 chapter 97, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and
- 15 (2) Appropriate funds to the state ethics commission to
- 16 establish a task force to review state lobbyist laws.

17 SECTION 4. (a) There is established a lobbyist law task
18 force within the state ethics commission for administrative
19 purposes only. The purposes of the task force shall be to
20 examine the State's lobbyist laws and make recommendations to
21 the legislature to amend these laws, if deemed necessary.



- 1 (b) The task force shall:
- 2 (1) Review and analyze for effectiveness, efficiency, and
- 3 enforceability the lobbyist laws under chapter 97,
- 4 Hawaii Revised Statutes, and other state laws that
- 5 affect the lobbyist laws;
- 6 (2) Explore and examine the lobbyist laws of other
- 7 jurisdictions and determine whether the statutory
- 8 models of other jurisdictions may be appropriate for
- 9 the State's lobbyist laws;
- 10 (3) In addition to the review under paragraph (1), conduct
- 11 a distinct review and examination of the State's
- 12 lobbyist laws, not limited to chapter 97, Hawaii
- 13 Revised Statutes, as they relate to the executive
- 14 branch;
- 15 (4) Engage in discussions with stakeholders who engage in
- 16 lobbying activities to gain perspective regarding the
- 17 State's lobbyist laws; and
- 18 (5) Address any other issues that the state ethics
- 19 commission deems necessary to accomplish the purposes
- 20 of the task force.



- 1 (c) The task force shall be comprised of members to be
2 selected by the state ethics commission who are:
- 3 (1) Registered lobbyists;
 - 4 (2) Representatives of organizations involved in lobbying;
 - 5 (3) Government accountability groups;
 - 6 (4) Community stakeholders; and
 - 7 (5) Other members whom the state ethics commission deems
8 necessary to accomplish the purposes of the task
9 force.
- 10 Members of the task force shall serve without compensation. The
11 state ethics commission shall provide the task force with the
12 resources and staff support necessary for the accomplishment of
13 its duties. The task force shall cease to exist on June 30,
14 2017.
- 15 (d) The task force shall submit a written report of its
16 findings and recommendations, including any proposed
17 legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior
18 to the convening of the regular session of 2017.
- 19 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general
20 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$80,000 or so much
21 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for the



1 payment of expenses incurred for administering and operating the
2 lobbyist law task force established pursuant to this part.

3 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the state ethics
4 commission for the purposes of this part.

5 PART III

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

8 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

State Ethics Commission; Lobbyist Laws; Task Force;
Appropriation

Description:

Reduces the appropriation in Act 151, Session Laws of Hawaii 2015, to the State Ethics Commission for an electronic filing system. Establishes a task force to examine the State's lobbyist laws relating to the legislative and executive branches and to make recommendations to the legislature to amend the lobbyist laws, if necessary. Re-appropriates the savings for an electronic filing system to cover the expenses of the Lobbyist Law Task Force. (SB3024 HD1)

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