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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. Chapter 97, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
2 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to
3 read as follows:

4 "§97- Mandatory lobbyist training course. (a) All
5 lobbyists who are registered pursuant to section 97-2 shall
6 annually complete a lobbyist training course administered by the
7 state ethics commission.

8 (b) The state ethics commission shall establish, design,
9 supervise, and conduct lobbyist training designed specifically
10 for registered lobbyists that shall include:

11 (1) Education and training in the lobbying laws set forth
12 in this chapter;

13 (2) Explanations and discussions of the lobbying laws,
14 administrative rules, and relevant internal
15 procedures;

16 (3) Specific technical and legal requirements;



1 (4) The underlying purposes and principles of lobbying
2 laws; and

3 (5) A question and answer participatory segment regarding
4 common problems and situations.

5 The state ethics commission shall develop the methods and
6 prepare any materials necessary to implement the course.

7 (c) The state ethics commission shall:

8 (1) Administer the lobbyist training course;

9 (2) Designate members of its legal staff to conduct the
10 lobbyist training course; and

11 (3) Notify each registered lobbyist that attendance is
12 mandatory.

13 (d) The state ethics commission shall conduct a lobbyist
14 training course in January of each year and may repeat the
15 course as necessary to accommodate all lobbyists who are
16 required to attend. The course shall be for a period of at
17 least two hours."

18 SECTION 2. Section 97-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
19 amended to read as follows:



1 **"§97-2 Registration of lobbyists, requirements. (a)**
2 Every lobbyist shall file a registration form with the state
3 ethics commission within five days of becoming a lobbyist.
4 (b) Each lobbyist shall provide and certify the following
5 information:
6 (1) The name, mailing address, and business telephone
7 number of the lobbyist.
8 (2) The name and principal place of business of each
9 person by whom the lobbyist is retained or employed or
10 on whose behalf the lobbyist appears or works and a
11 written authorization to act as a lobbyist from each
12 person by whom the lobbyist is employed or with whom
13 the lobbyist contracts.
14 (3) The subject areas on which the lobbyist expects to
15 lobby.
16 (c) A lobbyist shall report any change in any of the
17 information contained in the registration statement within ten
18 days after the change has occurred.
19 (d) A lobbyist shall file a notice of termination within
20 ten days after the lobbyist ceases the activity which required
21 the lobbyist's registration. The lobbyist and the employer of



1 the lobbyist shall remain subject, however, to the requirements
2 of chapter 97 for the period during which the registration was
3 effective.

4 (e) A lobbyist shall complete a lobbyist training course
5 administered by the state ethics commission annually, as
6 required under section 97- .

7 ~~[(e)]~~ (f) This chapter shall not apply to:

8 (1) Any individual who represents oneself and not any
9 other person before the legislature or administrative
10 agency; provided that such individual ~~[must]~~ shall
11 nonetheless file a statement of expenditures if the
12 individual meets any of the provisions of section
13 97-3(a);

14 (2) Any federal, state, or county official or employee
15 acting in the official's or employee's official
16 capacity, unless the federal, state, or county
17 official~~[r]~~ or employee contracts for the services of
18 a lobbyist;

19 (3) Any elected public official acting in the public
20 official's official capacity, unless the public
21 official contracts for the services of a lobbyist;



- 1 (4) Any newspaper or other regularly published periodical
2 or radio or television station (including any
3 individual who owns, publishes, or is employed by a
4 newspaper or periodical or radio or television
5 station) while publishing in the regular course of
6 business news items, editorials[~~7~~] or other comments,
7 or paid advertisements, which directly or indirectly
8 urge the passage or defeat of legislative or
9 administrative action;
- 10 (5) Any attorney who advises the attorney's clients on the
11 construction or effect of proposed legislative or
12 administrative action; provided that such attorney
13 must nonetheless register if the attorney meets any of
14 the provisions of section 97-1(6); and
- 15 (6) Any person who possesses special skills and knowledge
16 relevant to certain areas of legislation, whose skills
17 and knowledge may be helpful to the legislative and
18 executive branches of state government, and who makes
19 an occasional appearance at the request of the
20 legislature [~~or~~], an administrative agency, or [~~the~~] a
21 lobbyist [~~even though receiving~~] regardless of whether



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1 or not the person receives reimbursement or other
2 payment from the legislature [~~or~~], an administrative
3 agency, or [~~the~~] a lobbyist for the appearance."

4 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
5 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

6 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: _____

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Report Title:

Lobbyists; Training Course; State Ethics Commission

Description:

Requires all registered lobbyists to attend an annual two hour training course administered by the state ethics commission.

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