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June 22, 2017 GOV. MSG. NO. 1152

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,
President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki, Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives Twenty-Ninth State Legislature State Capitol, Room 431 Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 22, 2017, the following bill was signed into law:

HB852 HD2 SD1 CD1

RELATING TO ETHICS ACT 052 (17)

Sincerely,

Governor, State of Hawai'i

on ______JUN 22 2017
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE, 2017
STATE OF HAWAII

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ETHICS.

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

1 Section 84-17, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is SECTION 1. 2 amended by amending subsections (i) and (j) to read as follows: 3 Failure of a legislator, a delegate to the 4 constitutional convention, or employee to file a disclosure of 5 financial interests as required by this section shall be a 6 violation of this chapter. Any legislator, delegate to a 7 constitutional convention, or employee who fails to file a 8 disclosure of financial interests when due shall be assessed an 9 administrative fine of [\$50.] \$75. The state ethics commission, 10 upon the expiration of the time allowed for filing, may post on its website for public inspection a list of all persons who have 11 failed to file financial disclosure statements. The state 12 ethics commission shall notify a person, by [registered mail, 13 14 return receipt requested, in-person service, electronic mail to 15 the person's state electronic mail address, or first class mail, of the failure to file, and the disclosure of financial 16 17 interests shall be submitted to the state ethics commission not 18 later than 4:30 p.m. on the tenth day after notification of the HB852 CD1 HMS 2017-3713

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- 1 failure to file has been mailed to the person. If a disclosure
- 2 of financial interests has not been filed within ten days of the
- 3 due date, an additional administrative fine of \$10 for each day
- 4 a disclosure remains unfiled shall be added to the
- 5 administrative fine. All administrative fines collected under
- 6 this section shall be deposited in the State's general fund.
- 7 Any administrative fine for late filing shall be in addition to
- 8 any other action the state ethics commission may take under this
- 9 chapter for violations of the state ethics code. The state
- 10 ethics commission may waive any administrative fines assessed
- 11 under this subsection for good cause shown.
- 12 (j) The chief election officer, upon receipt of the
- 13 nomination paper of any person seeking a state elective office,
- 14 including the office of delegate to the constitutional
- 15 convention, shall notify the state ethics commission of the name
- 16 of the candidate for state office and the date on which the
- 17 person filed the nomination paper. The state ethics commission,
- 18 upon the expiration of the time allowed for filing, shall
- 19 release to the public a list of all candidates who have failed
- 20 to file financial disclosure statements and shall immediately
- 21 assess a late filing penalty fee against those candidates of

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- 1 [\$25] \$50, which shall be collected by the state ethics
- 2 commission and deposited into the general fund. The state
- 3 ethics commission may investigate, initiate, or receive charges
- 4 as to whether a candidate's financial disclosure statement
- discloses the financial interests required to be disclosed. 5
- 6 After proceeding in conformance with section 84-31, the state
- 7 ethics commission may issue a decision as to whether a candidate
- 8 has complied with section 84-17(f) and this decision shall be a
- 9 matter of public record."
- 10 SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
- 11 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
- 12 begun before its effective date.
- 13 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 14 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval. 15

APPROVED this 22 day of JUN

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

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THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 2, 2017 Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Twenty-Ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017.

Joseph M. Souki

Speaker

House of Representatives

Brian L. Takeshita

Chief Clerk

House of Representatives

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 2, 2017 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017.

President of the Senate

Clerk of the Senate