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Testimony of

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Committee on Government Operations

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House Bill 71, H.D. 1: Relating to Ethics

Chair Kim and committee members:

Mahalo for the opportunity to offer testimony on House Bill 71, H.D. 1, which would prohibit a sitting governor or mayor from maintaining outside employment or receiving emoluments.

Whenever a public official holds outside employment or has business interests that could be affected by government actions, there is the potential for conflicts of interest to arise. We must ensure that those in public office follow a code of ethics to ensure that the people's interests are paramount in decisions, not personal benefit or enrichment.

Hawai'i has been fortunate to have so many highly qualified office-seekers because of their desire to participate in our democracy, contribute to our society, and serve the community, not for personal gain. Aside from legislators who are permitted to have outside employment in keeping with their status as part-time citizen-legislators, Hawai'i's governors and mayors, with one exception, have withdrawn from their private profession or refused to accept outside compensation while serving as the chief executive officers of their jurisdictions. There is no sound reason for a governor or mayor to hold another paying position as it raises concerns about conflicts of interest and detracts from their many public responsibilities and obligations to the people they were elected to serve.

For these reasons, I support this measure.

Mahalo.

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Comments:

In STRONG SUPPORT!