



HAWAII STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

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Committee: Committees on Education and Government Operations
Bill Number: S.B. 2391
Hearing Date/Time: February 9, 2018, 2:45 p.m.
Re: Testimony of the Hawaii State Ethics Commission **SUPPORTING** the ethics training provision of S.B. 2391, Relating to Charter School Governing Boards

Dear Chair Kidani, Chair Kim, and Committee Members:

The Hawaii State Ethics Commission (“Commission”) supports the proposed amendment to Hawaii Revised Statutes (“HRS”) § 302D-12(m), which requires charter school governing board members to attend annual mandatory ethics training.

The Commission supports ethics training for all state employees, and the Commission stands ready to provide ethics training to any individuals required to take (or otherwise interested in taking) such training.

If the Committees are inclined to move ahead with this measure, the Commission respectfully suggests that S.B. 2391 be amended to be clear as to whether the Commission – or some other entity – will provide such training. Again, the Commission is willing and able to provide this training, but respectfully asks for additional clarification to ensure that this is the Legislature’s intent. The Committees may wish to consider amending HRS § 84-41 (the provision of the Ethics Code on mandatory ethics training),¹ or referencing Part V of the Ethics Code (HRS §§84-41 to -43) in HRS § 302D-12.

Thank you for your continuing support of the Commission’s work and for considering the Commission’s testimony on S.B. 2391.

Very truly yours,

Daniel Gluck
Executive Director and General Counsel

1. Please note that HRS § 84-42 currently requires certain state officials to attend a one-time ethics training course. As such, if the Committees intend to require charter school governing board members to attend annual training, the Commission respectfully suggests that S.B. 2391 continue to include explicit language to that effect.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
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Comments: