
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EMOLUMENTS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The offices of the governor and county mayors
2 are five of the most important public offices in the State. It
3 is essential that the holders of those offices:

4 (1) Devote their full time, attention, and energy to
5 serving the people of Hawaii to the best of their
6 abilities; and

7 (2) Avoid even the appearance of a potential conflict of
8 interest.

9 Part of this commitment to fulfilling their duties and
10 maintaining public integrity involves not holding other
11 employment or receiving other emoluments while serving as the
12 governor or a county mayor. The legislature finds that this
13 matter is one of statewide concern and interest and is therefore
14 a permissible area of control reserved for the legislature.

15 SECTION 2. Chapter 78, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
16 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to
17 read as follows:



1 "§78- County mayors; outside employment and emoluments
2 prohibited. (a) Beginning on the sixty-first calendar day
3 after election or appointment to office, it shall be unlawful
4 for each county mayor, while holding that office, to maintain
5 any other employment or receive any emolument.

6 (b) As used in this section, "emolument" means any salary,
7 fee, payment, wage, earning, allowance, stipend, honorarium, or
8 reward; provided that "emolument" does not include the salary or
9 benefits for service as a county mayor or any pension income;
10 retirement income; social security payment; ownership of stocks,
11 mutual funds, or real estate; rental income; or other form of
12 passive income.

13 (c) The Hawaii state ethics commission, responsible for
14 interpreting and enforcing the state's code of ethics, shall
15 have the authority to enforce this section."

16 SECTION 3. Chapter 84, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
17 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to
18 read as follows:

19 "§84- Governor; outside employment and emoluments
20 prohibited. (a) Beginning on the sixty-first calendar day
21 after election or appointment to office, it shall be unlawful



1 for the governor, while holding that office, to maintain any
2 other employment or receive any emolument.

3 (b) As used in this section, "emolument" means any salary,
4 fee, payment, wage, earning, allowance, stipend, honorarium, or
5 reward; provided that "emolument" does not include the salary or
6 benefits for service as the governor or any pension income;
7 retirement income; social security payment; ownership of stocks,
8 mutual funds, or real estate; rental income; or other form of
9 passive income.

10 (c) The Hawaii state ethics commission shall have the
11 authority to enforce this section."

12 SECTION 4. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
13 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
14 begun before its effective date.

15 SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.

16 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.



Report Title:

Governor; Mayors; Outside Employment or Emoluments; Prohibited

Description:

Prohibits the governor and each county mayor, while holding those offices, to maintain any other employment or receive any emolument, beginning on the sixty-first calendar day after their election or appointment to office. Specifies that the county boards and commissions have enforcement authority over each respective county mayor. Specifies that the hawaii state ethics commission has enforcement authority over the governor.

Effective 7/1/2020. (SD1)

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