
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 serving
5 the people of Hawaii to the best of their abilities;
6 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:



H.B. NO. 1927

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 engage in
5 any activity that results in the receipt of an emolument.

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

13 (c) The respective county ethics commission or board of
14 ethics shall have the authority to enforce this section."

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

18 "§84- Governor; outside employment and emoluments
19 prohibited. (a) Beginning on the sixty-first calendar day
20 after election or appointment to office, it shall be unlawful



H.B. NO. 1921

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 ethics boards and commissions have enforcement authority over each respective county mayor. Specifies that the Hawaii state ethics commission has enforcement authority over the governor.

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