

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 2125
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2020
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Labor & Public Employment, to which was referred H.B. No. 2125 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE ETHICS CODE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Make changes to the financial disclosure statute so that the statutory language tracks the capabilities of the Hawaii State Ethics Commission's (Ethics Commission) electronic filing system, including:
 - (A) Changing the Ethics Commission's reporting requirements to require filers to report any clients assisted before state agencies; and
 - (B) Deleting the requirement that disclosures be in long form and short form and instead allowing financial disclosure statements to be filed electronically;
- (2) Repeal the provision that exempts members of the Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission from the requirements of the financial disclosure statute; and



- (3) Allow the Ethics Commission, in its discretion, to make changes it deems necessary to its internal procedures or forms to aid in implementing this measure.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii State Ethics Commission, Common Cause Hawaii, and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that making the Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission members subject to the financial disclosure statute will hold these members to the same accountability standard and requirements as other public officials who have significant discretionary or fiscal powers.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing its effective date to January 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Public Employment that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2125, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2125, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Labor & Public
Employment,


AARON LING JOHANSON, Chair



