



HAWAI'I STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

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Committee: Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs
Bill Number: H.B. 741 H.D. 1
Hearing Date/Time: Wednesday, March 3, 2021, 2:00 p.m.
Re: Testimony of the Hawai'i State Ethics Commission
with **COMMENTS** on H.B. 741, H.D.1, Relating to Ethics

Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Matayoshi, and Committee Members:

The Hawai'i State Ethics Commission ("Commission") provides the following comments on H.B. 741, which seeks to change the current records retention period for lobbying records (four years) to require the Commission to retain records permanently.

With the Commission's new electronic filing system, the Commission can maintain records for longer periods with minimal cost. However, maintaining all lobbying records in perpetuity will eventually require the Commission to pay for additional digital storage, and the Commission respectfully suggests that a finite retention period may be more practical (without a significant burden on the public's access to information).

Thank you for your continuing support of the Commission's work and for considering the Commission's testimony on H.B. 741, H.D. 1

Very truly yours,

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