
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LEGISLATIVE ALLOWANCE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the house of
2 representatives adopted House Resolution No. 9, Regular Session
3 of 2022, to establish the commission to improve standards of
4 conduct. The resolution requests the commission ensure state
5 laws and rules relating to standards of conduct of public
6 officers and employees contain clear standards, enforcement, and
7 penalties and provide recommendations to increase awareness of,
8 compliance with, and deterrent effects of the code of ethics,
9 lobbying laws, campaign finance laws, and other relevant laws
10 and rules.

11 Pursuant to House Resolution No. 9, the commission to
12 improve standards of conduct convened regularly throughout 2022
13 to diligently review, discuss, and consider the issues
14 presented, submitted an interim report to the house of
15 representatives outlining areas of immediate and long-term
16 focus, then continued its work with input from the public and



1 invited individuals and agencies to issue a final report with
2 various recommendations and accompanying proposed legislation.

3 The legislature also finds that the strength and stability
4 of our democratic government rely upon the public's trust in
5 government institutions, including the expectation that officers
6 act ethically with prudence, integrity, and sound judgement.
7 Therefore, an essential goal of the commission was to provide
8 recommendations that would help restore public trust in state
9 government and increase the level of transparency in its
10 operations and accountability of individuals.

11 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to implement
12 recommendations of the commission to improve standards of
13 conduct by requiring each house of the legislature to post a
14 report of the legislative allowance expenditures for each member
15 of the respective house on the legislature's website.

16 SECTION 2. Section 24-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
17 amended to read as follows:

18 "**§24-1 Allowance for incidental expenses.** (a) Each
19 member of the legislature shall receive an annual allowance of
20 \$7,500, which amount is to cover incidental expenses connected
21 with legislative duties and the amount shall be payable in a



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1 manner prescribed by the respective rules of each house;
 2 provided that when the legislative salary is increased, the
 3 legislative allowance shall be increased by the same percentage.

4 (b) Each house of the legislature shall post on the
 5 legislature's website, on a rolling basis and in a manner
 6 prescribed by the respective rules of each house, a report of
 7 the legislative allowance expenditures for each member of the
 8 respective house."

9 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

10 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Commission to Improve Standards of Conduct; Legislative Allowance; Expenditure Report

Description:

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