



HAWAI'I STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

State of Hawai'i · Bishop Square, 1001 Bishop Street, ASB Tower 970 · Honolulu, Hawai'i

Committee: Senate Committee on Judiciary
Bill Number: S.B. 805
Hearing Date/Time: February 14, 2023, 9:40 a.m.
Re: Testimony of the Hawai'i State Ethics Commission with **COMMENTS**
about S.B. 805, Relating to Lobbying

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Committee Members:

The Hawai'i State Ethics Commission ("Commission") has not yet had an opportunity to consider this bill, but will be doing so at its February 15, 2023 meeting. The Commission would appreciate the opportunity to stay involved on this matter should S.B. 805 move forward.

Mahalo for your continuing support of the Commission's work and for considering its testimony on S.B. 805.

Very truly yours,

/S/ Robert D. Harris
Executive Director and General Counsel



Committee on Judiciary
Chair Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair Mike Gabbard

Tuesday, February 14, 2023 9:40 AM, Conference Room 016
SB805 — Relating to Lobbying

TESTIMONY

Judith Mills Wong, Legislative Committee, League of Women Voters of Hawaii

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Committee Members:

The League of Women Voters acknowledges that administrative lobbying is an important issue and the League supports efforts to prevent third parties from exercising undue and often secretive efforts to influence decisions of the executive branch of the State. However, care must be taken to allow normal administrative transactions (such as getting a permit, reporting a spill to DOH, etc.) These normal activities must be separated from attempts to exercise undue political influence or to apply other pressure on executive branch employees. The League looks forward to continued action on this matter in the future.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.