
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO GOVERNMENT REFORM.

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 (2022) to
3 establish the commission to improves standards of conduct. The
4 resolution requests the commission to ensure state laws and
5 rules relating to the standards of conduct of public officers
6 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 regularly convened throughout 2022
13 to diligently review, discuss, and consider the issues
14 presented, submitted and 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



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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 expectations that
6 officers act ethically with prudence, integrity, and sound
7 judgement. Therefore, an essential goal of the commission was to
8 provide recommendations that would help restore public trust in
9 state government and increase the level of transparency in its
10 operations and accountability of individuals.

11 The purpose of this Act is to implement improved standards
12 of ethical conduct that will bolster integrity and transparency
13 in the offices of elected officials.

14 SECTION 2. Chapter 710, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
15 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to
16 read as follows:

17 "§710- False, fictitious, or fraudulent claims. (1) A
18 person commits the offense of making a false, fictitious, or
19 fraudulent claim against the State or a county if the person
20 makes or presents to any agent of the State, any of the
21 counties, or any department or agency thereof, any claim upon or



1 against the State, a county, or any department or agency
2 thereof, that the person knows to be false, fictitious, or
3 fraudulent.

4 (2) Application of this section shall be based on title 18
5 United States Code section 287 and any relevant federal case law
6 and precedent.

7 (3) Any person charged under this section shall not be
8 eligible for a deferred acceptance of guilty plea or nolo
9 contendere plea under chapter 853.

10 (4) Making a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim against
11 the State or a county is a class C felony."

12 SECTION 3. Section 11-412, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
13 amended by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:

14 "(d) A person who is convicted under this section, or for
15 making a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim under section
16 710-, shall be disqualified from holding elective public office
17 for a period of ten years from the date of conviction."

18 SECTION 4. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by adding
19 a new chapter to be appropriately designated and to read as
20 follows:

21 "CHAPTER



1 **OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC ADVOCATE**

2 **PART I. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

3 § **-1 Definitions.** As used in this chapter, unless the
4 context otherwise requires:

5 "Office" means the office of the public advocate 2
6 established pursuant to section -2.

7 "Public advocate" means the head of the office.

8 § **-2 Office of the public advocate; establishment.** (a)

9 There is established within the department of the attorney
10 general for administrative purposes only the office of the
11 public advocate.

12 (b) The office shall be headed by the public advocate, who
13 shall be nominated and, by and with the advice and consent of
14 the senate, appointed by the governor; provided that the term of
15 the public advocate shall be coterminous with the term of the
16 governor.

17 § **-3 Staff.** The public advocate shall hire staff
18 necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter. The public
19 advocate and employees of the office shall be exempt from
20 chapter 76 and shall not be considered civil service employees



1 but shall be entitled to any employee benefit plan normally
2 inuring to civil service employees.

3 **§ -4 Judicial review; immunity.** No proceeding or decision
4 of the public advocate may be reviewed in any court, unless it
5 contravenes the provisions of this chapter. The public advocate
6 has the same immunities from civil and criminal liability as a
7 judge of this State. The public advocate and the public
8 advocate's staff shall not testify in any court with respect to
9 matters coming to their attention in the exercise or purported
10 exercise of their official duties except as may be necessary to
11 enforce the provisions of this chapter.

12 **§ -5 Penalty for obstruction.** A person who willfully
13 hinders the lawful actions of the public advocate or the public
14 advocate's staff, or willfully refuses to comply with their
15 lawful demands, shall be fined no more than \$1,000.

16 **PART II. RIGHTS OF THE PUBLIC RELATING TO THE LEGISLATURE**

17 **§ -11 Rights.** All persons of the public shall have the
18 following rights:

- 19 (1) The right to expect that the person's elected state
20 representative or state senator will be treated with



- 1 fairness, equity, dignity, respect, and inclusion,
2 regardless of seniority, faction, or party;
- 3 (2) The right to be treated with fairness, equity, dignity,
4 respect, and honesty during public hearings, regardless
5 of their lack of power, status, wealth, or other excuses
6 for unequal treatment. This paragraph, among other
7 things, shall be construed to prohibit retaliation,
8 including the elimination of a specific position from
9 the budget, for any good faith conduct at a public
10 hearing;
- 11 (3) The right to provide oral testimony at any public
12 hearing;
- 13 (4) The right to publicly inspect written testimony no
14 later than twenty-four hours after the written testimony
15 is submitted;
- 16 (5) The right to expect that all members have access to and
17 sufficient time to review all bill drafts and proposed
18 amendments before formally voting on a measure in
19 committee and on the floor;



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- 1 (6) The right to expect that the original content of a bill
2 is not suddenly and substantially changed without a
3 public hearing on the new content;
- 4 (7) The right to expect that legislators have sufficient
5 opportunity for open and honest debate on the merits of
6 a bill and to vote on such merits, rather than burdening
7 the legislative process with multiple referrals on the
8 bill that would effectively inhibit the opportunity for
9 such debate;
- 10 (8) The right to expect that subject matter committees pass
11 bills without deliberate defects, including defective
12 dates, and with recommended appropriation amounts;
- 13 (9) The right to expect that standing committees with
14 primary jurisdiction over fiscal matters are not
15 referred bills solely concerning nonfiscal matters;
- 16 (10) The right to expect that no bill should die in a
17 conference committee due to the absence of a conference
18 chair;
- 19 (11) The right to publicly inspect all official executive
20 communications, such as budgetary information, submitted
21 to the legislature. For purposes of fulfilling this



1 obligation, the respective legislative chamber shall
2 post all official executive communications on the
3 capitol website within a reasonable period of time;
4 (12) The right to open and transparent decision-making,
5 including the right to hear the rationale for any
6 decision made by a committee or committee chairperson,
7 such as the deferral or amendment of a bill, in a public
8 meeting; and

9 (13) The right to easily inspect drafts of bills submitted
10 to legislators for introduction or amendment, including
11 the right to know the identity of the person who
12 provided the draft if that person is a member of the
13 public or lobbyist.

14 § -13 Procedures; investigation of complaints. (a) The
15 public advocate shall establish procedures for receiving and
16 processing complaints alleging a violation of a right enumerated
17 under section -11, conducting investigations, and reporting
18 the public advocate's findings. However, the public advocate may
19 not levy fees for the submission or investigation of complaints.

20 (b) The public advocate shall investigate any complaint
21 alleging a violation of a right enumerated under section -11.



1 In an investigation, the public advocate may make inquiries and
2 obtain information as the public advocate deems appropriate,
3 consult with an appropriate agency with subject matter
4 expertise, and hold private hearings.

5 (c) The public advocate is required to maintain secrecy in
6 respect to all matters and the identities of the complainants or
7 witnesses coming before the public advocate, except so far as
8 disclosures may be necessary to enable the public advocate to
9 carry out the public advocate's duties and powers and to support
10 the public advocate's recommendations.

11 § -14 Powers. Subject to the privileges that witnesses
12 have in the courts of this State, the public advocate may:

13 (1) Compel at a specified time and place, by subpoena, the
14 appearance and sworn testimony of any person who the
15 public advocate reasonably believes may be able to give
16 information relating to a matter under investigation;
17 and

18 (2) Compel any person to produce documents, papers, or
19 objects that the public advocate reasonably believes may
20 relate to a matter under investigation.



1 The public advocate may bring suit in an appropriate state
2 court to enforce these powers.

3 § **-15 Consultation.** Before giving any opinion or
4 recommendation that is critical of a person and except as
5 provided in section -16(c), the public advocate shall consult
6 with that person.

7 § **-16 Procedure after investigation.** (a) After an
8 investigation, the public advocate shall report the public
9 advocate's opinion and recommendations to the presiding officer
10 of the appropriate chamber of the legislature and the
11 complainant.

12 (b) After a reasonable time has elapsed, the public
13 advocate may present the public advocate's opinion and
14 recommendations to the public. The public advocate shall include
15 with this opinion any reply.

16 (c) If the public advocate has a reasonable basis to
17 believe that there may be a breach of duty or misconduct by any
18 legislator or employee of the legislature, the public advocate
19 may refer the matter to the appropriate authorities without
20 notice to that person."



1 SECTION 5. Section 92-10, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 **"§92-10 Legislative branch; legislatively appointed bodies;**
4 **applicability.** (a) Notwithstanding any provisions contained in
5 this chapter to the contrary, open meeting requirements, and
6 provisions regarding enforcement, penalties and sanctions, as
7 they are to relate to the state legislature or to any of its
8 members shall be such as shall be from time to time prescribed
9 by the respective rules and procedures of the senate and the
10 house of representatives, which rules and procedures shall take
11 precedence over this part. Similarly, provisions relating to
12 notice, agenda and minutes of meetings, and such other
13 requirements as may be necessary, shall also be governed by the
14 respective rules and procedures of the senate and the house of
15 representatives.

16 (b) Except as provided in this subsection, this part and
17 part IV shall apply to each legislatively appointed body and
18 shall take precedence over any rules and procedures of the
19 senate or house of representatives that govern the same content
20 of this part and part IV as they relate to meetings and public
21 hearings of legislatively appointed bodies. Any bill or



1 resolution establishing a legislatively appointed body may
2 exempt that body from the requirements of this part and part IV
3 by inclusion in its final form of a specific finding or
4 declaration that articulates the rationale for the exemption.

5 (c) The senate and the house of representatives shall each
6 hold or jointly hold a public hearing or briefing on a biennial
7 basis to solicit professional and public opinions on how the
8 rules and procedures established by each chamber can better
9 effectuate the intent of this chapter. These hearings or
10 briefings shall be held in accordance with this part and part
11 IV.

12 (d) For the purposes of this section, "legislatively
13 appointed body" means a task force, working group, special
14 committee, or select committee that has a membership consisting
15 entirely of state legislators who were appointed by one or both
16 houses of the legislature or one or both of the presiding
17 officers of each house of the legislature."

18 SECTION 6. Section 92-21, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
19 amended to read as follows:

20 **"§92-21 Copies of records; other costs and fees.** Except as
21 otherwise provided by law, a copy of any government record,



1 including any map, plan, diagram, photograph, photostat, or
2 geographic information system digital data file, ~~which~~ that is
3 open to the inspection of the public, shall be furnished to any
4 person applying for the same by the public officer having charge
5 or control thereof upon the payment of the reasonable cost of
6 reproducing ~~such~~ the copy. Except as provided in section 91-
7 2.5, the cost of reproducing any government record, except
8 geographic information system digital data, photographs, maps,
9 audio recordings, digital or electronic records, and other types
10 of physical records, shall not ~~[be less than 5]~~ exceed 25
11 cents per page, sheet, or fraction thereof. Reproduction costs
12 shall not be charged for producing documents provided to
13 requesters in an electronic format; provided that the agency
14 maintains those documents in an electronic format; provided
15 further that requesters shall be charged for the agency's
16 provision of documents requested in an electronic format that
17 are not maintained by the agency in an electronic format and
18 must be manually faxed or converted into an electronic format.
19 The cost of reproducing geographic information system digital
20 data, photographs, maps, audio recordings, digital or electronic
21 records, and other types of physical records shall be in



1 accordance with rules adopted by the office of information
2 practices that are applicable to every agency having charge or
3 control of that data. [~~Such~~] The reproduction cost shall
4 [~~include but shall not be limited to labor cost for search and~~
5 ~~actual time for reproducing, material cost, including~~
6 ~~electricity cost, equipment cost, including rental cost, cost~~
7 ~~for certification, and other related costs.~~] represent the
8 reasonable direct cost of making the copies and be limited to
9 the salary of the operator of the reproduction machinery as well
10 as the cost of the machinery. All fees shall be paid in by the
11 public officer receiving or collecting the same to the state
12 director of finance, the county director of finance, or [~~to~~] the
13 agency or department by which the officer is employed, as
14 government realizations; provided that fees collected by the
15 public utilities commission pursuant to this section shall be
16 deposited in the public utilities commission special fund
17 established under section 269-33."

18 SECTION 7. Section 92F-42, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
19 amended to read as follows:

20 "**§92F-42 Powers and duties of the office of information**
21 **practices.** The director of the office of information practices:



- 1 (1) Shall, upon request, review and rule on an agency
2 denial of access to information or records, or an
3 agency's granting of access; provided that any review
4 by the office of information practices shall not be a
5 contested case under chapter 91 and shall be optional
6 and without prejudice to rights of judicial
7 enforcement available under this chapter;
- 8 (2) Upon request by an agency, shall provide and make
9 public advisory guidelines, opinions, or other
10 information concerning that agency's functions and
11 responsibilities;
- 12 (3) Upon request by any person, may provide advisory
13 opinions or other information regarding that person's
14 rights and the functions and responsibilities of
15 agencies under this chapter;
- 16 (4) May conduct inquiries regarding compliance by an
17 agency and investigate possible violations by any
18 agency;
- 19 (5) May examine the records of any agency for the purpose
20 of paragraphs (4) and (18) and seek to enforce that
21 power in the courts of this State;



- 1 (6) May recommend disciplinary action to appropriate
- 2 officers of an agency;
- 3 (7) Shall report annually to the governor and the state
- 4 legislature on the activities and findings of the
- 5 office of information practices, including
- 6 recommendations for legislative changes;
- 7 (8) Shall receive complaints from and actively solicit the
- 8 comments of the public regarding the implementation of
- 9 this chapter;
- 10 (9) Shall review the official acts, records, policies, and
- 11 procedures of each agency;
- 12 (10) Shall assist agencies in complying with the
- 13 provisions 11 of this chapter;
- 14 (11) Shall inform the public of the following rights of an
- 15 individual and the procedures for exercising them:
- 16 (A) The right of access to records pertaining to the
- 17 individual;
- 18 (B) The right to obtain a copy of records pertaining
- 19 to the individual;
- 20 (C) The right to know the purposes for which records
- 21 pertaining to the individual are kept;



- 1 (D) The right to be informed of the uses and
2 disclosures of records pertaining to the
3 individual;
- 4 (E) The right to correct or amend records pertaining
5 to the individual; and
- 6 (F) The individual's right to place a statement in a
7 record pertaining to that individual;
- 8 (12) Shall adopt rules that set forth an administrative
9 appeals structure ~~[which]~~ that provides for:
- 10 (A) Agency procedures for processing records
11 requests;
- 12 (B) A direct appeal from the division maintaining the
13 record; and
- 14 (C) Time limits for action by agencies;
- 15 (13) Shall adopt rules that set forth the fees and other
16 charges that may be imposed for searching, reviewing,
17 or segregating disclosable records ~~[, as well as to
18 provide for a waiver of fees when the public interest
19 would be served;]~~. The rules shall:



- 1 (A) Set forth fees not exceeding \$5 per fifteen
2 minutes or fraction thereof for the search for
3 the record;
- 4 (B) Set forth fees not exceeding \$7.50 per fifteen
5 minutes or fraction thereof for the review and
6 segregation of the record; and
- 7 (C) Provide for a waiver of fees when the public
8 interest would be served by the record's
9 disclosure; provided that the waiver shall
10 require that the search for or review or
11 segregation of records be provided at no charge
12 to the requester if disclosure of the record is
13 in the public interest because the disclosure is
14 likely to contribute significantly to public
15 understanding of the operations or activities of
16 the government and is not primarily in the
17 commercial interest;
- 18 (14) Shall adopt rules [~~which~~] that set forth uniform
19 standards for the records collection practices of
20 agencies;



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- 1 (15) Shall adopt rules that set forth uniform standards
2 for disclosure of records for research purposes;
- 3 (16) Shall have standing to appear in cases where the
4 provisions of this chapter or part I of chapter 92 are
5 called into question;
- 6 (17) Shall adopt, amend, or repeal rules pursuant to
7 chapter 91 necessary for the purposes of this chapter;
8 and
- 9 (18) Shall take action to oversee compliance with part I
10 of chapter 92 by all state and county boards
11 including:
- 12 (A) Receiving and resolving complaints;
 - 13 (B) Advising all government boards and the public
14 about compliance with chapter 92; and
 - 15 (C) Reporting each year to the legislature on all
16 complaints received pursuant to section 92-1.5."

17 SECTION 8. Section 84-17, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
18 amended to read as follows:

19 **"§84-17 Requirements of disclosure.** (a) For the purposes of
20 this section, "disclosure period" refers to the period from
21 January 1 of the preceding calendar year to the time of the



1 filing of the employee's or legislator's disclosure of financial
2 interests.

3 (b) The disclosure of financial interest required by this
4 section shall be filed:

5 (1) By any person enumerated in subsection (c), except a
6 member of the legislature, between January 1 and May 31
7 of each year;

8 (2) By a member of the legislature between January 1 and
9 January 31 of each year;

10 (3) Within thirty days of a person's election or
11 appointment to a state position enumerated in
12 subsection (c); or

13 (4) Within thirty days of separation from a state position
14 if a prior financial disclosure statement for the
15 position was not filed within the one hundred eighty
16 days preceding the date of separation;

17 provided that candidates for state elective offices or the
18 constitutional convention shall file the required statements no
19 later than twenty days prior to the date of the primary election
20 for state offices or the election of delegates to the
21 constitutional convention.



1 (c) The following persons shall file annually with the state
2 ethics commission a disclosure of financial interests:

3 (1) The governor, the lieutenant governor, the members of
4 the legislature, and delegates to the constitutional
5 convention; provided that delegates to the
6 constitutional convention shall only be required to
7 file initial disclosures;

8 (2) The directors and their deputies, the division chiefs,
9 the executive directors and the executive secretaries
10 and their deputies, the purchasing agents and the
11 fiscal officers, regardless of the titles by which the
12 foregoing persons are designated, of every state agency
13 and department;

14 (3) The permanent employees of the legislature and its
15 service agencies, other than persons employed in
16 clerical, secretarial, or similar positions;

17 (4) The administrative director of the State, and the
18 assistants in the office of the governor and the
19 lieutenant governor, other than persons employed in
20 clerical, secretarial, or similar positions;



- 1 (5) The hearings officers of every state agency and
2 department;
- 3 (6) The president, the vice presidents, assistant vice
4 presidents, the chancellors, and the provosts of the
5 University of Hawaii and its community colleges;
- 6 (7) The superintendent, the deputy superintendent, the
7 assistant superintendents, the complex area
8 superintendents, the state librarian, and the deputy
9 state librarian of the department of education;
- 10 (8) The administrative director and the deputy director of
11 the courts;
- 12 (9) The members of every state board or commission whose
13 original terms of office are for periods exceeding one
14 year and whose functions are not solely advisory;
- 15 (10) Candidates for state elective offices, including
16 candidates for election to the constitutional
17 convention, provided that candidates shall only be
18 required to file initial disclosures;
- 19 (11) The administrator and assistant administrator of the
20 office of Hawaiian affairs;



1 (12) The Hawaii unmanned aerial systems test site chief
2 operating officer[+];[+] and

3 (13) The members of the school facilities board appointed
4 by the governor.

5 (d) The financial disclosure statements of the following
6 persons shall be public records and available for inspection and
7 duplication:

8 (1) The governor, the lieutenant governor, the members of
9 the legislature, candidates for and delegates to the
10 constitutional convention, the trustees of the office
11 of Hawaiian affairs, and candidates for state elective
12 offices;

13 (2) The directors of the state departments and their
14 deputies, regardless of the titles by which the
15 foregoing persons are designated; provided that with
16 respect to the department of the attorney general, the
17 foregoing shall apply only to the attorney general and
18 the first deputy attorney general;

19 (3) The administrative director of the State;



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- 1 (4) The president, the vice presidents, the assistant vice
2 presidents, the chancellors, members of the board of
3 regents, and the provosts of the University of Hawaii;
- 4 (5) The members of the board of education and the
5 superintendent, the deputy superintendent, the state
6 librarian, and the deputy state librarian of the
7 department of education;
- 8 (6) The administrative director and the deputy director of
9 the courts;
- 10 (7) The administrator and the assistant administrator of
11 the office of Hawaiian affairs; and
- 12 (8) The members of the following state boards, commissions,
13 and agencies:
- 14 (A) The board of directors of the agribusiness
15 development corporation established under section
16 163D-3;
- 17 (B) The board of agriculture established under
18 section 26-16;
- 19 (C) The state ethics commission established under
20 section 84-21;



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- 1 (D) The Hawaii community development authority
- 2 established under section 206E-3;
- 3 (E) The Hawaiian homes commission established under
- 4 the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920, as
- 5 amended, and section 26-17;
- 6 (F) The board of directors of the Hawaii housing
- 7 finance and development corporation established
- 8 under section 201H-3;
- 9 (G) The board of land and natural resources
- 10 established under section 171-4;
- 11 (H) The state land use commission established under
- 12 section 205-1;
- 13 (I) The legacy land conservation commission
- 14 established under section 173A-2.4;
- 15 (J) The natural area reserves system commission
- 16 established under section 195-6;
- 17 (K) The board of directors of the natural energy
- 18 laboratory of Hawaii authority established under
- 19 section 227D-2;



1 (L) The board of directors of the Hawaii public
2 housing authority established under section 356D-
3 3;

4 (M) The public utilities commission established under
5 section 269-2;

6 (N) The commission on water resource management
7 established under section 174C-7; and

8 (O) The stadium authority established under section
9 109-1.

10 (e) The information on the financial disclosure statements
11 shall be confidential, except as provided in subsection (d). The
12 commission shall not release the contents of the disclosures
13 except as may be permitted pursuant to this chapter. Any person
14 who releases any confidential information shall be subject to
15 section 84-31(c).

16 (f) Candidates for state elective offices, including
17 candidates for election to the constitutional convention, shall
18 only be required to disclose their own financial interests. The
19 disclosures of financial interests of all other persons
20 designated in subsection (c) shall state, in addition to the
21 financial interests of the person disclosing, the financial



1 interests of the person's spouse and dependent children. All
2 disclosures shall include:

- 3 (1) The source and amount of all income of \$1,000 or more
4 received, for services rendered, by the person in the
5 person's own name or by any other person for the
6 person's use or benefit during the preceding calendar
7 year and the nature of the services rendered; provided
8 that required disclosure under this paragraph for the
9 income source of the spouse or dependent child of a
10 person subject to subsection (d) shall be limited to
11 the name of the business or other qualifying source of
12 income, and need not include the income source's
13 address; provided further that other information that
14 may be privileged by law or individual items of
15 compensation that constitute a portion of the gross
16 income of the business or profession from which the
17 person derives income need not be disclosed;
- 18 (2) The amount and identity of every ownership or
19 beneficial interest held during the disclosure period
20 in any business having a value of \$5,000 or more or
21 equal to ten per cent of the ownership of the business



1 and, if the interest was transferred during the
2 disclosure period, the date of the transfer; provided
3 that an interest in the form of an account in a federal
4 or state regulated financial institution, an interest
5 in the form of a policy in a mutual insurance company,
6 or individual items in a mutual fund or a blind trust,
7 if the mutual fund or blind trust has been disclosed
8 pursuant to this paragraph, need not be disclosed;

9 (3) Every officership, directorship, trusteeship, or other
10 fiduciary relationship held in a business during the
11 disclosure period, the term of office and the annual
12 compensation;

13 (4) The name of each creditor to whom the value of \$3,000
14 or more was owed during the disclosure period and the
15 original amount and amount outstanding; provided that
16 debts arising out of retail installment transactions
17 for the purchase of consumer goods need not be
18 disclosed;

19 (5) The street address and, if available, the tax map key
20 number, and the value of any real property in which the
21 person holds an interest whose value is \$10,000 or



1 more, and, if the interest was transferred or obtained
2 during the disclosure period, a statement of the amount
3 and nature of the consideration received or paid in
4 exchange for such interest, and the name of the person
5 furnishing or receiving the consideration; provided
6 that disclosure shall not be required of the street
7 address and tax map key number of the person's
8 residence;

9 (6) The names of clients assisted or represented before
10 state agencies, except in ministerial matters, for a
11 fee or compensation during the disclosure period and
12 the names of the state agencies involved; and

13 (7) The amount and identity of every creditor interest in
14 an insolvent business held during the disclosure period
15 having a value of \$5,000 or more.

16 (g) In addition to the disclosures required under subsection
17 (f), each member of the legislature shall also disclose the name
18 of any person that is subject to section 97-3 and that is:

19 (1) A business partner of the member;

20 (2) An employer of the member;

21 (3) An officer or director of the member's employer; or



1 (4) A client of the member, member's partner, or member's
2 employer, where the client provided at least \$5,000 of
3 income during the preceding calendar year.

4 As used in this subsection:

5 "Member" means a member of the legislature.

6 "Member's partner" means a member's spouse under chapter
7 572, civil union partner under chapter 572B, or reciprocal
8 beneficiary under chapter 572C.

9 ~~[-g-]~~ (h) Where an amount is required to be reported, the
10 person disclosing may indicate whether the amount is at least
11 \$1,000 but less than \$10,000; at least \$10,000 but less than
12 \$25,000; at least \$25,000 but less than \$50,000; at least
13 \$50,000 but less than \$100,000; at least \$100,000 but less than
14 \$150,000; at least \$150,000 but less than \$250,000; at least
15 \$250,000 but less than \$500,000; at least \$500,000 but less than
16 \$750,000; at least \$750,000 but less than \$1,000,000; or
17 \$1,000,000 or more. An amount of stock may be reported by number
18 of shares.

19 ~~[-h-]~~ (i) The state ethics commission shall provide a 20
20 method for filing financial disclosure statements. The



1 commission may require that financial disclosure statements be
2 filed electronically.

3 ~~(i)~~ (j) Failure of a legislator, a delegate to the
4 constitutional convention, or employee to file a disclosure of
5 financial interests as required by this section shall be a
6 violation of this chapter. Any legislator, delegate to a
7 constitutional convention, or employee who fails to file a
8 disclosure of financial interests when due shall be assessed an
9 administrative fine of \$75. The state ethics commission, upon
10 the expiration of the time allowed for filing, may post on its
11 website for public inspection a list of all persons who have
12 failed to file financial disclosure statements. The state ethics
13 commission shall notify a person, by in-person service,
14 electronic mail to the person's state electronic mail address,
15 or first class mail, of the failure to file, and the disclosure
16 of financial interests shall be submitted to the state ethics
17 commission not later than 4:30 p.m. on the tenth day after
18 notification of the failure to file has been mailed to the
19 person. If a disclosure of financial interests has not been
20 filed within ten days of the due date, an additional
21 administrative fine of \$10 for each day a disclosure remains



1 unfiled shall be added to the administrative fine. All
2 administrative fines collected under this section shall be
3 deposited in the State's general fund. Any administrative fine
4 for late filing shall be in addition to any other action the
5 state ethics commission may take under this chapter for
6 violations of the state ethics code. The state ethics commission
7 may waive any administrative fines assessed under this
8 subsection for good cause shown.

9 ~~(j)~~ (k) The chief election officer, upon receipt of the
10 nomination paper of any person seeking a state elective office,
11 including the office of delegate to the constitutional
12 convention, shall notify the state ethics commission of the name
13 of the candidate for state office and the date on which the
14 person filed the nomination paper. The state ethics commission,
15 upon the expiration of the time allowed for filing, shall
16 release to the public a list of all candidates who have failed
17 to file financial disclosure statements and shall immediately
18 assess a late filing penalty fee against those candidates of
19 \$50, which shall be collected by the state ethics commission and
20 deposited into the general fund. The state ethics commission may
21 investigate, initiate, or receive charges as to whether a



1 candidate's financial disclosure statement discloses the
2 financial interests required to be disclosed. After proceeding
3 in conformance with section 84-31, the state ethics commission
4 may issue a decision as to whether a candidate has complied with
5 section 84-17(f) and this decision shall be a matter of public
6 record."

7 SECTION 9. Section 11-322, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
8 amended to read as follows:

9 "**§11-322 Organizational report, candidate committee.** (a) The
10 candidate committee organizational report shall include:

- 11 (1) The committee's name and address, including web page
12 address, if any;
- 13 (2) The candidate's name, address, and telephone number;
- 14 (3) The office being sought by the candidate, district, and
15 party affiliation;
- 16 (4) The chairperson's name and address and, if appointed,
17 the deputy chairperson's name and address;
- 18 (5) The treasurer's name and address and, if appointed, all
19 deputy treasurers' names and addresses;



1 (6) The name and address of each depository institution in
2 which the committee will maintain any of its accounts
3 and the applicable account number; and

4 (7) A certification by the candidate and treasurer of the
5 statements in the organizational report.

6 (b) Any change in information previously reported in the
7 organizational report shall be electronically filed with the
8 commission within ten days of the change being brought to the
9 attention of the committee chairperson or treasurer.

10 (c) The commission shall publish on its website the names of
11 all candidate committees who have failed to:

12 (1) File the organizational report; or

13 (2) Correct a report within two weeks from a notice to
14 correct provided by the commission."

15 SECTION 10. Section 11-323, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
16 amended to read as follows:

17 "**§11-323 Organizational report, noncandidate committee.** (a)

18 The noncandidate committee organizational report shall include:

19 (1) The committee's name, which shall incorporate the full
20 name of the sponsoring entity, if any. An acronym or
21 abbreviation may be used in other communications if the



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- 1 acronym or abbreviation is commonly known or clearly
2 recognized by the general public. The committee's name
3 shall not include the name of a candidate;
- 4 (2) The committee's address, including web page address, if
5 any;
- 6 (3) The area, scope, or jurisdiction of the committee;
- 7 (4) The name and address of the committee's sponsoring
8 entity. If the committee does not have a sponsoring
9 entity, the committee shall specify the trade,
10 profession, or primary interest of contributors to the
11 committee;
- 12 (5) The name, address, telephone number, occupation, and
13 principal place of business of the chairperson;
- 14 (6) The name, address, telephone number, occupation, and
15 principal place of business of the treasurer and any
16 other officers;
- 17 (7) An indication as to whether the committee was formed to
18 support or oppose a specific ballot question or
19 candidate and, if so, a brief description of the
20 question or the name of the candidate;



1 (8) An indication as to whether the committee is a political
2 party committee;

3 (9) The name, address, telephone number, occupation, and
4 principal place of business of the custodian of the
5 books and accounts;

6 (10) The name and address of the depository institution in
7 which the committee will maintain its campaign account
8 and each applicable account number; and

9 (11) A certification by the chairperson and treasurer of the
10 statements in the organizational report.

11 (b) Any change in information previously reported in the
12 organizational report shall be electronically filed with the
13 commission within ten days of the change being brought to the
14 attention of the committee chairperson or treasurer.

15 (c) The commission shall publish on its website the names of
16 all noncandidate committees who have failed to:

17 (1) File the organizational report; or

18 (2) Correct a report within two weeks from a notice to
19 correct provided by the commission."

20 SECTION 11. Section 97-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
21 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:



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- 1 "(c) The statement shall contain the following information:
- 2 (1) The name and address of each person with respect to
- 3 whom expenditures for the purpose of lobbying in the
- 4 total sum of \$25 or more per day was made by the person
- 5 filing the statement during the statement period and
- 6 the amount or value of the expenditure;
- 7 (2) The name and address of each person with respect to
- 8 whom expenditures for the purpose of lobbying in the
- 9 aggregate of \$150 or more was made by the person filing
- 10 the statement during the statement period and the
- 11 amount or value of the expenditures;
- 12 (3) The total sum or value of all expenditures for the
- 13 purpose of lobbying made by the person filing the
- 14 statement during the statement period; provided that
- 15 the sum or value of each expenditure is itemized in the
- 16 following categories, as applicable:
- 17 (A) Preparation and distribution of lobbying materials;
- 18 (B) Media advertising;
- 19 (C) Compensation paid to lobbyists;
- 20 (D) Fees paid to consultants for services;
- 21 (E) Entertainment and events;



- 1 (F) Receptions, meals, food, and beverages;
- 2 (G) Gifts;
- 3 (H) Loans;
- 4 (I) Interstate transportation, including incidental
- 5 meals and lodging; and
- 6 (J) Other disbursements;
- 7 (4) The name and address of each person making
- 8 contributions to the person filing the statement for
- 9 the purpose of lobbying in the total sum of \$25 or more
- 10 during the statement period and the amount or value of
- 11 the contributions; and
- 12 (5) The ~~[subject area]~~ identity, by bill number, resolution
- 13 number, and if applicable, budget cost or program
- 14 identification number, or other similar identifier, of
- 15 the legislative ~~and~~ or administrative action that was
- 16 commented on, supported by, or opposed by the person
- 17 filing the statement during the statement period."

18 SECTION 12. Chapter 84, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
19 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to
20 read as follows:



1 "§84- Nepotism; prohibition. (a) Beginning July 1, 2023,
2 no legislator or employee shall:

3 (1) Appoint, hire, or promote a relative or household
4 member to, or demote, discharge, or terminate a
5 relative or household member from; or

6 (2) Participate in an interview or discussion regarding
7 the appointment, hiring, or promotion of a relative or
8 household member to, or the demotion, discharge, or
9 termination of a relative or household member from,

10 a paid position in the legislator's or employee's employing
11 agency; provided that this subsection shall not prohibit a
12 legislator or employee from performing ministerial acts that may
13 impact the relative or household member if those acts are a part
14 of the normal job functions of the legislator or employee.

15 (b) Beginning July 1, 2023, no legislator or employee shall
16 supervise a relative or household member unless:

17 (1) The legislator or employee has a physical impairment
18 requiring the employment of a particular relative or
19 household member; provided that the legislator or
20 employee discloses the prospective employment to the



1 state ethics commission before the appointment or hire
2 is made; or

3 (2) The legislator or employee disqualifies the
4 legislator's or employee's self from taking any
5 official action directly affecting the relative or
6 household member.

7 (c) No legislator or employee shall award a contract to or
8 otherwise take official action on a contract with a business if
9 the legislator or employee knows or reasonably should know that
10 the legislator's or employee's relative or household member is
11 an executive officer of or holds a substantial ownership
12 interest in that business.

13 (d) Notwithstanding the prohibitions in this section, if an
14 employee who is a supervisor or executive director is unable to
15 waive or disengage from completing their official duties or from
16 taking official action and is legally required to take action
17 that directly impacts a relative or household member receiving
18 an award or other official action on a contract described in
19 subsection (c), the employee shall not be in violation of this
20 section if the employee:



1 (1) Has complied with the disclosure requirements of
2 section 84-17; and

3 (2) Posts a notice of intent to award the contract and
4 files a copy of the notice with the state ethics
5 commission at least five days before awarding the
6 contract. If the posting and filing of the award in
7 advance is otherwise prohibited by law, notice shall
8 be posted and filed as soon as practicable. Every
9 notice of intent shall describe the employee's
10 relationship with the relative or household member,
11 the relative or household member's relationship with
12 the entity receiving the contract, action taken and to
13 be taken affecting the relative or household member's
14 business, and the dollar value of the contract.

15 (e) Upon application, the state ethics commission may grant
16 an exception to a legislator, employee, or agency that is unable
17 to comply with this section for good cause, including a
18 demonstrated lack of qualified personnel or applicants.

19 (f) Any legislator or employee who knowingly violates this
20 section shall be subject to the administrative fines set forth
21 in section 84-39. Any favorable action obtained by a relative or



1 household member of a legislator or employee in violation of
2 this section is voidable in accordance with sections 84-16 and
3 84-19.

4 (g) This section shall not affect the applicability of
5 section 84-13 or 84-14.

6 (h) This section shall not prohibit a state agency from
7 appointing, hiring, promoting, discharging, firing, or demoting
8 a relative or household member of a legislator or employee
9 employed by the agency.

10 (i) For purposes of this section:

11 "Household member" means an individual who resides in the
12 same dwelling unit as the legislator or employee.

13 "Relative" means the legislator's or employee's parent,
14 grandparent, stepparent, child, grandchild, stepchild, brother,
15 sister, half-brother, half-sister, stepbrother, stepsister,
16 uncle, aunt, first cousin, nephew, niece, spouse, spouse's
17 parent, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, or sister
18 in-law."

19 SECTION 13. Section 11-342, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
20 amended by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:

21 "(d) As used in this section:



1 "Elected official" means an individual who currently holds
2 an elected state or county office, including the governor,
3 lieutenant governor, state senator, state representative,
4 trustee of the office of Hawaiian affairs, county mayor, county
5 council member, county prosecuting attorney, and any
6 individual appointed to serve in any of the aforementioned
7 offices.

8 "Fundraiser" means any function held for the benefit of a
9 candidate, candidate committee, or noncandidate committee that
10 is intended or designed, directly or indirectly, to raise
11 contributions for which ~~[the]~~ any price is charged or
12 ~~[suggested]~~ any contribution is suggested for attending the
13 function ~~[is more than \$25 per person]~~.

14 "Fundraiser event" means any function held for the benefit
15 of an elected official that is intended or designed, directly or
16 indirectly, to raise contributions for which any price is
17 charged or any contribution is suggested for attending the
18 function."

19 SECTION 14. Section 11-410, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
20 amended as follows:

21 1. By amending subsection (b) to read:



1 "(b) Any order for the assessment of an administrative fine
2 shall not be issued against a person without providing the
3 person written notice and an opportunity to be heard at a
4 hearing conducted under chapter 91. A person may waive these
5 rights by written stipulation or consent~~[-]~~; provided that in
6 the absence of waiver by written stipulation or consent these
7 rights shall be deemed waived if the order is a preliminary
8 determination of probable cause rendered during a chapter 92
9 meeting pursuant to section 11-403 and the person fails to
10 request a contested case hearing within twenty days of receipt
11 of the preliminary determination, as provided in section 11-
12 405(b)."

13 2. By amending subsection (d) to read:

14 "(d) If the person to whom the commission's order is
15 directed does not comply with the order, the first circuit
16 court, upon application of the commission, shall issue an order
17 requiring the person to comply with the commission's order.
18 Failure to obey such a court order shall be punished as
19 contempt. In addition to contempt proceedings, the commission
20 may file the commission's order in the first circuit court to
21 have the order confirmed as a judgment, which shall then have



1 the same force and effect and shall be enforceable and
2 collectible in the same manner as other judgments issued by the
3 circuit courts; provided that there shall be no appeal from the
4 judgment."

5 SECTION 15. Section 11-403, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 "~~[+]§11-403[+]~~ **Notice of complaint; opportunity to explain**
8 **or respond to complaint[-]; failure to explain or respond to**

9 **complaint.** (a) The commission shall give notice of receipt of
10 the complaint and a copy of the complaint to the respondent.

11 (b) The respondent may explain or otherwise respond in
12 writing to the complaint and explain or otherwise respond to the
13 complaint at a meeting promptly noticed by the commission and
14 conducted under chapter 92[-]1; provided that if the respondent
15 fails to explain or otherwise respond to the complaint, the
16 commission may treat the failure to respond or explain as a
17 presumption that the violation has occurred."

18 SECTION 16. Chapter 97, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
19 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to
20 read as follows:



1 "§97- Unlawful gifts by lobbyists. (a) It shall be
 2 unlawful for a lobbyist or any person or entity required to file
 3 a statement of expenditures under section 97-3 to make gifts to
 4 a legislator or employee that are prohibited by section 84-11 or
 5 title 21 Hawaii Administrative Rules chapter 7.

6 (b) For the purposes of this section, "employee" shall have
 7 the same meaning as defined in section 84-3."

8 SECTION 17. Section 97-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
 9 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

10 "(a) Any person [who:] or entity that:

- 11 (1) Negligently fails to file any statement or report
- 12 required by this chapter;
- 13 (2) Negligently files a statement or report containing
- 14 false information or material omission of any fact;
- 15 (3) Engages in activities prohibited by section 97-5; [~~or~~]
- 16 (4) Fails to provide information required by section 97-2
- 17 or 97-3; or
- 18 (5) Makes a gift in violation of section 97- ;

19 shall be subject to an administrative fine imposed by the state
 20 ethics commission that shall not exceed \$1,000 for each



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1 violation of this chapter. All fines collected under this
2 section shall be deposited into the general fund."

3 SECTION 18. Section 11-327, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

5 "(c) A ballot issue committee shall return all surplus
6 funds to the contributors [~~or donate funds to a community~~
7 ~~service, educational, youth, recreational, charitable,~~
8 ~~scientific, or literary organization]~~ within ninety days after
9 the election for which the issue appeared on the ballot. Surplus
10 funds that are not returned [~~or donated~~] within ninety days
11 after the election for which the issue appeared on the ballot
12 shall escheat to the Hawaii election campaign fund."

13 SECTION 19. Section 11-381, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
14 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

15 "(a) Campaign funds may be used by a candidate, treasurer,
16 or candidate committee:

17 (1) For any purpose directly related:

18 (A) In the case of the candidate, to the candidate's
19 own campaign; or

20 (B) In the case of a candidate committee or treasurer
21 of a candidate committee, to the campaign of the



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1 candidate, question, or issue with which they are
2 directly associated;

3 (2) To purchase or lease consumer goods, vehicles,
4 equipment, and services that provide a mixed benefit to
5 the candidate. The candidate, however, shall reimburse
6 the candidate's candidate committee for the candidate's
7 personal use of these items unless the personal use is
8 de minimis;

9 ~~[(3) To make donations to any community service,
10 educational, youth, recreational, charitable,
11 scientific, or literary organization; provided that in
12 any election period, the total amount of all donations
13 shall be no more than twice the maximum amount that one
14 person may contribute to that candidate pursuant to
15 section 11-357; provided further that no donations
16 shall be made from the date the candidate files
17 nomination papers to the date of the general election
18 unless the candidate is:~~

19 ~~(A) Declared to be duly and legally elected to the
20 office for which the person is a candidate pursuant
21 to section 12-41;~~



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- 1 ~~(B) Deemed and declared to be duly and legally elected~~
2 ~~to the office for which the person is a candidate~~
3 ~~pursuant to section 12-42; or~~
- 4 ~~(C) Unsuccessful in the primary or special primary~~
5 ~~election;~~
- 6 ~~(4) To make donations to any public school or public~~
7 ~~library; provided that in any election period, the total~~
8 ~~amount of all contributions shall be no more than twice~~
9 ~~the maximum amount that one person may contribute to~~
10 ~~that candidate pursuant to section 11-357; provided~~
11 ~~further that any donation under this paragraph shall not~~
12 ~~be aggregated with or imputed toward any limitation on~~
13 ~~donations pursuant to paragraph (3);~~
- 14 ~~(5) To award scholarships to full-time students attending~~
15 ~~an institution of higher education or a vocational~~
16 ~~education school in a program leading to a degree,~~
17 ~~certificate, or other recognized educational credential;~~
18 ~~provided that in any election period, the total amount~~
19 ~~of all scholarships awarded shall be no more than twice~~
20 ~~the maximum amount that one person may contribute to~~
21 ~~that candidate pursuant to section 11-357; provided~~



1 further that no awards shall be made from the filing
2 deadline for nomination papers to the date of the
3 general election unless the candidate is:
4 ~~(A) Declared to be duly and legally elected to the~~
5 ~~office for which the person is a candidate pursuant~~
6 ~~to section 12-41;~~
7 ~~(B) Deemed and declared to be duly and legally elected~~
8 ~~to the office for which the person is a candidate~~
9 ~~pursuant to section 12-42; or~~
10 ~~(C) Unsuccessful in the primary or special primary~~
11 ~~election;~~
12 ~~(6) To purchase not more than two tickets for each event~~
13 ~~held by another candidate or committee, regardless of~~
14 ~~whether the event constitutes a fundraiser as defined in~~
15 ~~section 11-342;]~~
16 ~~[(7)]~~ (3) To make contributions to the candidate's party so
17 long as the contributions are not earmarked for another
18 candidate; or
19 ~~[(8)]~~ (4) To pay for ordinary and necessary expenses
20 incurred in connection with the candidate's duties as a



1 holder of an office, including expenses incurred for
2 memberships in civic or community groups."

3 SECTION 20. Section 11-381, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

5 "(a) Campaign funds may be used by a candidate, treasurer,
6 or candidate committee:

7 (1) For any purpose directly related:

8 (A) In the case of the candidate, to the candidate's own
9 campaign; or

10 (B) In the case of a candidate committee or treasurer of
11 a candidate committee, to the campaign of the
12 candidate, question, or issue with which they are
13 directly associated;

14 (2) To purchase or lease consumer goods, vehicles,
15 equipment, and services that provide a mixed benefit to
16 the candidate. The candidate, however, shall reimburse
17 the candidate's candidate committee for the candidate's
18 personal use of these items unless the personal use is
19 de minimis;

20 (3) To make donations to any community service,
21 educational, youth, recreational, charitable,



1 scientific, or literary organization; provided that in
2 any election period, the total amount of all donations
3 shall be no more than twice the maximum amount that one
4 person may contribute to that candidate pursuant to
5 section 11-357; provided further that no donations
6 shall be made from the date the candidate files
7 nomination papers to the date of the general election
8 unless the candidate is:

9 (A) Declared to be duly and legally elected to the
10 office for which the person is a candidate
11 pursuant to section 12-41;

12 (B) Deemed and declared to be duly and legally elected
13 to the office for which the person is a candidate
14 pursuant to section 12-42; or

15 (C) Unsuccessful in the primary or special primary
16 election;

17 (4) To make donations to any public school or public
18 library; provided that in any election period, the
19 total amount of all contributions shall be no more than
20 twice the maximum amount that one person may contribute
21 to that candidate pursuant to section 11-357; provided



1 further that any donation under this paragraph shall
2 not be aggregated with or imputed toward any limitation
3 on donations pursuant to paragraph (3);

4 (5) To award scholarships to full-time students attending
5 an institution of higher education or a vocational
6 education school in a program leading to a degree,
7 certificate, or other recognized educational
8 credential; provided that in any election period, the
9 total amount of all scholarships awarded shall be no
10 more than twice the maximum amount that one person may
11 contribute to that candidate pursuant to section 11-
12 357; provided further that no awards shall be made from
13 the filing deadline for nomination papers to the date
14 of the general election unless the candidate is:

15 (A) Declared to be duly and legally elected to the
16 office for which the person is a candidate
17 pursuant to section 12-41;

18 (B) Deemed and declared to be duly and legally elected
19 to the office for which the person is a candidate
20 pursuant to section 12-42; or



1 (C) Unsuccessful in the primary or special primary
2 election;
3 ~~[(6) To purchase not more than two tickets for each event~~
4 ~~held by another candidate or committee, regardless of~~
5 ~~whether the event constitutes a fundraiser as defined~~
6 ~~in section 11-342;~~
7 ~~-(7)]~~ (6) To make contributions to the candidate's party so
8 long as the contributions are not earmarked for
9 another candidate; or
10 ~~[(8)]~~ (7) To pay for ordinary and necessary expenses
11 incurred in connection with the candidate's duties as
12 a holder of an office, including expenses incurred for
13 memberships in civic or community groups."

14 SECTION 21. Section 11-410, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
15 amended as follows:

16 1. By amending subsection (a) to read:

17 "(a) The commission may make a decision or issue an order
18 affecting any person violating any provision of this part [~~or~~
19 ~~section 281-22]~~ that may provide for the assessment of an
20 administrative fine as follows:



1 ~~[(1) If an individual, an amount not to exceed \$1,000 for~~
2 ~~each occurrence or an amount equivalent to three times~~
3 ~~the amount of an unlawful contribution or expenditure;~~
4 ~~or~~

5 ~~-(2)]~~ (1) If a ~~[corporation, organization, association, or~~
6 ~~15-labor union,]~~ noncandidate committee that makes only
7 independent expenditures and has either received at
8 least one contribution of more than \$10,000 from any one
9 person in an election period or has made expenditures of
10 more than \$10,000 in the aggregate in an election
11 period, an amount not to exceed [~~\$1,000~~] \$5,000 for each
12 occurrence[~~+~~] or an amount not to exceed three times the
13 amount of an unlawful contribution or expenditure; or

14 (2) If a person other than a person described in paragraph
15 (1), an amount not to exceed \$1,000 for each occurrence
16 or an amount not to exceed three times the amount of an
17 unlawful contribution or expenditure;

18 provided that whenever a corporation, organization, association,
19 or labor union violates this part, the violation may be deemed
20 to be also that of the individual directors, officers, or agents
21 of the corporation, organization, association, or labor union,



1 who have knowingly authorized, ordered, or done any of the acts
2 constituting the violation."

3 2. By amending subsection (c) to read:

4 "(c) If an administrative fine is imposed upon a
5 candidate[~~7~~] or noncandidate committee, the commission may order
6 that the fine, or any portion[~~7~~] of the fine, be paid from the
7 [~~candidate's~~] personal funds[~~7~~] of the candidate or officers of
8 the noncandidate committee."

9 SECTION 22. Chapter 11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
10 by adding a new section to part VIII to be appropriately
11 designated and to read as follows:

12 "§11- Voter information guide. (a) The office of
13 elections shall prepare, and post on its website, a voter
14 information guide. A physical copy of the voter information
15 guide shall be made available upon the request by a voter. The
16 office of elections shall provide a translation of the voter
17 information guide on its website in Olelo Hawaii, Chinese,
18 Ilocano, and Tagalog, and any other language as required by
19 federal or state law. The voter information guide shall be
20 posted in a screen reader-accessible format for voters with



1 special needs who are unable to read standard print due to
2 disability.

3 (b) The voter information guide shall include:

4 (1) A short statement of no more than one hundred fifty
5 words for each candidate running for public office, to
6 be prepared by the candidate; provided that the office
7 of elections may uniformly limit the number of words
8 for the candidate statement by applicable public
9 office;

10 (2) The statement and arguments prepared by the attorney
11 general, in consultation with the legislative reference
12 bureau, pursuant to section 11-118.5(b);

13 (3) A clear and concise statement, prepared by the
14 appropriate county corporation counsel or county
15 attorney, in consultation with the office of county
16 council services, that indicates the purpose,
17 limitations, and effects for each proposed county
18 charter amendment, proposed initiative, and proposed
19 referendum issue; and

20 (4) Arguments submitted by the public to the appropriate
21 county corporation counsel or county attorney and



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1 office of county council services for and against each
2 proposed county charter amendment, proposed initiative,
3 and proposed referendum issue. The office of county
4 council services shall establish a process to solicit
5 arguments from the public, which may include a word
6 limit.

7 (c) The office of elections shall prepare and mail with
8 each ballot for a primary election or special election a notice
9 to voters that the voter information guide is available on the
10 office of elections website. The notice shall be sent by
11 electronic mail to all voters with special needs who have
12 registered to receive alternate format ballots.

13 (d) Information made available over the Internet pursuant
14 to this section shall meet or exceed the most current, ratified
15 standards under section 508 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of
16 20 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794d), as amended, and the Web Content
17 Accessibility Guidelines 2.0 adopted by the World Wide
18 Consortium for accessibility."

19 SECTION 23. Section 11-118.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
20 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:



1 "(b) The attorney general, in consultation with the
2 legislative reference bureau, shall prepare [a]:

3 (1) A statement in English and Hawaiian for each proposed
4 constitutional amendment in language that is clear and
5 that indicates the purpose, limitations, and effects
6 of the proposed amendment[-]; and

7 (2) Arguments submitted by the public for and against the
8 proposed constitutional amendment. The legislative
9 reference bureau shall establish a process to solicit
10 arguments from the public, which may include a word
11 limit.

12 The attorney general shall distribute each statement and the
13 arguments to the state office of elections and all county clerks
14 for further distribution. The office of elections and county
15 clerks shall make the statement and arguments available to the
16 public at all polling places in the State and on a website
17 operated by the office of elections."

18 SECTION 24. Chapter 708, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
19 amended by adding a new section to part IV to be appropriately
20 designated and to read as follows:



1 "§708- Fraud. (1) A person commits the offense of fraud
2 if, with the intent to defraud, the person executes or attempts
3 to execute any scheme or artifice to defraud or to obtain money
4 or property by means of false or fraudulent pretenses,
5 representations, or promises.

6 (2) Application of this section shall be based on:

7 (A) Title 18 United States Code section 1341;

8 (B) Title 18 United States Code section 1343;

9 (C) Title 18 United States Code section 1346; and

10 (D) Title 18 United States Code section 1344;

11 and any relevant federal case law and precedent.

12 (3) For the purposes of this section "scheme or artifice to
13 defraud" includes a scheme or artifice to deprive another of the
14 intangible right of honest services.

15 (4) Fraud is a class B felony and a person convicted under
16 this section shall be sentenced with a mandatory minimum term of
17 imprisonment of one year, without the possibility of probation."

18 SECTION 25. Section 11-412 Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
19 amended by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:

20 "(d) A person who is convicted under this section, or for
21 fraud under section 708-_____, shall be disqualified from holding



1 elective public office for a period of ten years from the date
2 of conviction."

3 SECTION 26. Chapter 710, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
5 and to read as follows:

6 "§710- Using or making false statements or entries;
7 generally. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a
8 person commits the offense of using or making false statements
9 or entries if, in any matter within the jurisdiction of the
10 executive, legislative, or judicial branch of the State, or any
11 county, the person knowingly and willfully:

12 (a) Falsifies, conceals, or covers up a material fact by
13 any trick, scheme, or device;

14 (b) Makes any materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent
15 statement or representation; or

16 (c) Makes or uses any false writing or document knowing the
17 writing or document contains any materially false,
18 fictitious, or fraudulent statement or entry.

19 (2) Application of this section shall be based on title 18
20 United States Code section 1001 and any relevant federal case
21 law and precedent.



1 (3) Using or making false statements or entries is a class
2 C felony. A person convicted of violating this section shall not
3 be eligible for a deferred acceptance of guilty plea or nolo
4 contendere plea under chapter 853.

5 (4) Subsection (1) shall not apply to a party to a judicial
6 proceeding, or that party's counsel, for statements,
7 representations, writings, or documents submitted by the party
8 or counsel to a judge or magistrate in that proceeding.

9 (5) With respect to any matter within the jurisdiction of
10 the legislature, subsection (1) shall apply only to:

11 (a) Administrative matters, including:

12 (i) A claim for payment;

13 (ii) A matter related to the procurement of property or
14 services;

15 (iii) Personnel or employment practices;

16 (iv) Support services; or

17 (v) A document required by law, rule, or regulation to
18 be submitted to the legislature or any office or
19 officer within the legislature; or

20 (b) Any investigation or review conducted pursuant to the
21 authority of any committee, subcommittee, commission,



1 or office of the legislature, consistent with
2 applicable rules of the senate or house of
3 representatives."

4 SECTION 27. Section 11-412, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
5 amended by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:

6 "(d) A person who is convicted under this section, or for
7 using or making a false statement or entry under section 710- ,
8 shall be disqualified from holding elective public office for a
9 period of ten years from the date of conviction."

10 SECTION 28. Section 11-405, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
11 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

12 "(a) Upon hearing the response, if the respondent explains
13 or otherwise responds to the complaint, and upon completion of
14 any investigation, the commission may make a prompt preliminary
15 determination as to whether probable cause exists that a
16 violation of this part has been committed. The preliminary
17 determination with findings of fact and conclusions of law shall
18 be served upon the respondent by [~~certified mail.~~] first-class
19 mail. If the respondent is a candidate, candidate committee, or
20 noncandidate committee and the preliminary determination is
21 mailed to the address contained in the organizational report of



1 the candidate or committee, there is a presumption that the
2 candidate or committee received the preliminary determination
3 within two business days of the preliminary determination being
4 mailed."

5 SECTION 29. Section 92-3.7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
6 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

7 "(b) For a remote meeting held by interactive conference
8 technology pursuant to this section:

9 (1) The interactive conference technology used by the
10 board shall allow interaction among all members of the
11 board participating in the meeting and all members of
12 the public attending the meeting;

13 (2) Except as provided in subsections (c) and (d), a quorum
14 of board members participating in the meeting shall be
15 visible and audible to other members and the public
16 during the meeting; provided that no other meeting
17 participants shall be required to be visible during
18 the meeting;

19 (3) Any board member participating in a meeting by
20 interactive conference technology shall be considered
21 present at the meeting for the purpose of determining



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1 compliance with the quorum and voting requirements of
2 the board;

3 (4) At the start of the meeting the presiding officer shall
4 announce the names of the participating members;

5 (5) All votes shall be conducted by roll call unless
6 unanimous; and

7 (6) When practicable, boards shall record meetings open to
8 the public and make the recording of any meeting
9 electronically available to the public as soon as
10 practicable after a meeting and until a time as the
11 minutes required by section 92-9 are electronically
12 posted on the board's website. Boards are encouraged
13 to keep recordings available on their website.

14 SECTION 30. Section 92-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
15 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

16 "(a) The board shall keep written or recorded minutes of
17 all meetings. Unless otherwise required by law, neither a full
18 transcript nor a recording of the meeting is required, but the
19 minutes shall give a true reflection of the matters discussed at
20 the meeting and the views of the participants. Prior to the
21 removal of a recording that was maintained on a board's website



1 pursuant to section 92-3.7(b)(6), the board shall provide the
2 state archives with a copy of the recording. Written minutes
3 shall include[, but need not be limited to:] at minimum:

- 4 (1) The date, time and place of the meeting;
- 5 (2) The members of the board recorded as either present or
6 absent;
- 7 (3) The substance of all matters proposed, discussed, or
8 decided; and a record, by individual member, of any
9 votes taken; [~~and~~]
- 10 (4) If an electronic audio or video recording of the
11 meeting is available, a link to the electronic audio
12 or video recording of the meeting, to be placed at the
13 beginning of the minutes; and
- 14 [~~(4)~~] (5) Any other information that any member of the
15 board requests be included or reflected in the
16 minutes."

17 SECTION 31. Section 24-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
18 amended to read as follows:

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



1 legislative duties and the amount shall be payable in a manner
2 prescribed by the respective rules of each house; provided that
3 when the legislative salary is increased, the legislative
4 allowance shall be increased by the same percentage.

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

10 SECTION 32. Chapter 97, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
11 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to
12 read as follows:

13 "§97- Mandatory lobbyist training. (a) A lobbyist who has
14 not yet registered with the state ethics commission shall
15 complete a lobbyist training course administered by the state
16 ethics commission before registering as a lobbyist with the
17 state ethics commission.

18 (b) Registered lobbyists shall repeat the lobbyist training
19 course required by this section at least once every two years.

20 (c) A lobbyist shall certify completion of the lobbyist
21 training course at the time of registering or renewing



1 registration and shall maintain all certificates or other
2 documentation of completion for a period of six years from the
3 date of registration or renewal.

4 (d) For good cause shown, the state ethics commission may
5 grant a lobbyist an extension of time to complete the training
6 course required by this section.

7 (e) The state ethics commission shall develop and conduct
8 online and live training courses that explain state lobbyist
9 laws under this chapter and relevant ethics laws under chapter
10 84. Live training courses may be conducted in person or via
11 videoconference as necessary to accommodate all persons who are
12 required to complete the course."

13 SECTION 33. Section 97-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
14 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

15 "(b) Each lobbyist shall provide and certify the following
16 information:

17 (1) The name, mailing address, and business telephone
18 number of the lobbyist[-];

19 (2) The name and principal place of business of each person
20 by whom the lobbyist is retained or employed or on
21 whose behalf the lobbyist appears or works and a



1 written authorization to act as a lobbyist from each
2 person by whom the lobbyist is employed or with whom
3 the lobbyist contracts[-];

4 (3) The subject areas on which the lobbyist expects to
5 lobby[-]; and

6 (4) The completion of the mandatory lobbyist training
7 course pursuant to section 97- ."

8 SECTION 34. Section 97-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
9 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

10 "(a) Any person who:

- 11 (1) Negligently fails to file any statement or report
12 required by this chapter;
- 13 (2) Negligently files a statement or report containing
14 false information or material omission of any fact;
- 15 (3) Engages in activities prohibited by section 97-5; or
- 16 (4) Fails to provide information required by section 97-2,
17 including certification of completion of the mandatory
18 lobbyist training course, or 97-3;

19 shall be subject to an administrative fine imposed by the state
20 ethics commission that shall not exceed \$1,000 for each



1 violation of this chapter. All fines collected under this
2 section shall be deposited into the general fund."

3 SECTION 35. Section 11-425, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 "**§11-425 Maximum amount of public funds available to**
6 **candidate.** (a) The maximum amount of public funds available in
7 each election to a candidate for the office of governor,
8 lieutenant governor, or mayor of the city and county of Honolulu
9 and the county of Hawaii, shall not exceed [~~ten~~] fifteen per
10 cent of the expenditure limit established in section 11-423(d)
11 for each election.

12 (b) The maximum amount of public funds available in each
13 election to a candidate for the office of state senator, state
14 representative, mayor of the county of Kauai and the county of
15 Maui, county council member, and prosecuting attorney shall not
16 exceed [~~fifteen~~] twenty-two and a half per cent of the
17 expenditure limit established in section 11-423(d) for each
18 election.

19 (c) For the office of Hawaiian affairs, the maximum amount
20 of public funds available to a candidate shall not exceed



1 ~~[\$1,500 in any election year.]~~ ten per cent of the expenditure
2 limit established in section 11-423(d) for each election.

3 (d) ~~[For all other offices, the maximum amount of public~~
4 ~~funds available to a candidate shall not exceed \$100 in any~~
5 ~~election year.]~~

6 (e) Each candidate who qualified for the maximum amount of
7 public funding in any primary election and who is a candidate
8 for a subsequent general election shall apply with the
9 commission to be qualified to receive the maximum amount of
10 public funds as provided in this section for the respective
11 general election. For purposes of this section, "qualified"
12 means meeting the qualifying campaign contribution requirements
13 of section 11-429."

14 SECTION 36. Section 11-429, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
15 amended by amending subsections (a) and (b) to read as follows:

16 "(a) As a condition of receiving public funds for a primary
17 or general election, a candidate shall not be unopposed in any
18 election for which public funds are sought, shall have filed an
19 affidavit with the commission pursuant to section 11-423 to
20 voluntarily limit the candidate's campaign expenditures, and



1 shall be in receipt of the following sum of qualifying
2 contributions from individual residents of Hawaii:

3 (1) For the office of governor--qualifying contributions
4 that in the aggregate exceed \$100,000;

5 (2) For the office of lieutenant governor--qualifying
6 contributions that in the aggregate exceed \$50,000;

7 (3) For the office of mayor for each respective county:

8 (A) County of Honolulu--qualifying contributions that
9 in the aggregate exceed \$50,000;

10 (B) County of Hawaii--qualifying contributions that
11 in the aggregate exceed \$15,000;

12 (C) County of Maui--qualifying contributions that in
13 the aggregate exceed \$10,000; and

14 (D) County of Kauai--qualifying contributions that in
15 the aggregate exceed \$5,000;

16 (4) For the office of prosecuting attorney for each
17 respective county:

18 (A) County of Honolulu--qualifying contributions that
19 in the aggregate exceed [~~\$30,000~~] \$25,000;

20 (B) County of Hawaii--qualifying contributions that
21 in the aggregate exceed [~~\$10,000~~] \$5,000; and



- 1 (C) County of Kauai--qualifying contributions that in
2 the aggregate exceed [~~\$5,000~~] \$3,000;
- 3 (5) For the office of county council--for each respective
4 county:
- 5 (A) County of Honolulu--qualifying contributions that
6 in the aggregate exceed \$5,000;
- 7 (B) County of Hawaii--qualifying contributions that
8 in the aggregate exceed \$1,500;
- 9 (C) County of Maui--qualifying contributions that in
10 the aggregate exceed [~~\$5,000~~] \$4,000; and
- 11 (D) County of Kauai--qualifying contributions that in
12 the aggregate exceed \$3,000;
- 13 (6) For the office of state senator--qualifying
14 contributions that, in the aggregate exceed \$2,500;
- 15 (7) For the office of state representative--qualifying
16 contributions that, in the aggregate, exceed \$1,500;
- 17 (8) For the office of Hawaiian affairs--qualifying
18 contributions that, in the aggregate, exceed [~~\$1,500~~]
19 \$5,000; and
- 20 (9) For all other offices, qualifying contributions that,
21 11 in the aggregate, exceed \$500.



1 (b) A candidate shall obtain the minimum qualifying
2 contribution amount set forth in subsection (a) once for the
3 election period.

4 (1) If the candidate obtains the minimum qualifying
5 contribution amount, the candidate is eligible to
6 receive:

7 (A) The minimum payment in an amount equal to the
8 minimum qualifying contribution amounts; and

9 (B) Payments of [~~\$1~~] \$2 for each \$1 of qualifying
10 contributions in excess of the minimum qualifying
11 contribution amounts; and

12 (2) A candidate shall have at least one other qualified
13 candidate as an opponent for the primary or general
14 election to receive public funds for that election."

15 SECTION 37. Section 11-357, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
16 amended to read as follows:

17 "~~[§]~~**§11-357**~~[§]~~ **Contributions to candidate committees;**
18 **limits**~~[-]~~**; contributions to elected officials; when prohibited.**

19 (a) No person shall make contributions to:

20 (1) A candidate seeking nomination or election to a two
21 year office or to a candidate committee in an



- 1 aggregate amount greater than \$2,000 during an
2 election period;
- 3 (2) A candidate seeking nomination or election to a four-
4 year nonstatewide office or to a candidate committee
5 in an aggregate amount greater than \$4,000 during an
6 election period; or
- 7 (3) A candidate seeking nomination or election to a four-
8 year statewide office or to a candidate committee in
9 an aggregate amount greater than \$6,000 during an
10 election period.

11 (b) For purposes of this section, the length of term of an
12 office shall be the usual length of term of the office as
13 unaffected by reapportionment, a special election to fill a
14 vacancy, or any other factor causing the term of the office the
15 candidate is seeking to be less than the usual length of term of
16 that office.

17 (c) During any regular session or special session of the
18 state legislature, including any extension of any regular
19 session or special session and any legislative recess days,
20 holidays, and weekends, no elected official as defined in



1 section 11-342(d) shall solicit or accept campaign contributions
2 from any person."

3 SECTION 38. Section 11-355, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 "~~§~~11-355~~§~~ **Contributions by state and county**
6 **contractors; contributions by state and county grantees;**
7 **prohibited.** (a) It shall be unlawful for any person who enters
8 into any contract with the State, any of the counties, or any
9 department or agency thereof either for the rendition of
10 personal services, the buying of property, or furnishing of any
11 material, supplies, or equipment to the State, any of the
12 counties, any department or agency thereof, or for selling any
13 land or building to the State, any of the counties, or any
14 department or agency thereof, if payment for the performance of
15 the contract or payment for material, supplies, equipment, land,
16 property, or building is to be made in whole or in part from
17 funds appropriated by the legislative body, at any time between
18 the execution of the contract through the completion of the
19 contract, to:

20 (1) Directly or indirectly make any contribution, or
21 promise expressly or impliedly to make any



1 contribution to any candidate committee or
2 noncandidate committee, or to any candidate or [~~to~~]
3 any person for any political purpose or use; or
4 (2) Knowingly solicit any contribution from any person for
5 any purpose during any period.
6 (b) It shall be unlawful for any person who receives a
7 grant or subsidy from the State pursuant to chapter 42F, or from
8 a county pursuant to county charter or code, at any time between
9 the execution of the contract for the grant or subsidy through
10 the completion of the contract, to:
11 (1) Directly or indirectly make any contribution, or
12 promise expressly or impliedly to make any
13 contribution to any candidate committee or
14 noncandidate committee, or to any candidate or any
15 person for any political purpose or use; or
16 (2) Knowingly solicit any contribution from any person for
17 any purpose during any period.
18 (c) It shall be unlawful for the owners, officers, and any
19 immediate family members of any state or county contractor under
20 subsection (a), at any time between the execution of a contract
21 through completion of the contract pursuant to subsection (a),



1 to directly or indirectly make any contribution to any candidate
2 committee or noncandidate committee.

3 (d) It shall be unlawful for the owners, officers, and any
4 immediate family members of any state or county grantee under
5 subsection (b), at any time between the execution of a contract
6 through completion of the contract pursuant to subsection (b),
7 to directly or indirectly make any contribution to any candidate
8 committee or noncandidate committee.

9 ~~[(b)]~~ (e) Except as provided in ~~[subsection]~~ subsections
10 (a), (b), (c), and (d), this section does not prohibit or make
11 unlawful the establishment or administration of, or the
12 solicitation of contributions to, any noncandidate committee by
13 any person other than the state or county contractor, the state
14 or county grantee, or the owners, officers, and immediate family
15 members of a state or county contractor or state or county
16 grantee, for the purpose of influencing the nomination for
17 election, or the election of any person to office.

18 ~~[(e)]~~ (f) For purposes of this section, "completion of the
19 contract" means that the parties to the government contract have
20 either terminated the contract prior to completion of
21 performance or fully performed the duties and obligations under



1 the contract, no disputes relating to the performance and
2 payment remain under the contract, and all disputed claims have
3 5 been adjudicated and are final."

4 SECTION 39. Section 11-351, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
5 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

6 "(b) A candidate, candidate committee, or noncandidate
7 committee, shall not accept a contribution of more than \$100 in
8 cash in the aggregate during an election period from a single
9 person [~~without issuing~~] and shall issue a receipt to the
10 contributor for each contribution and [~~keeping~~] keep a record of
11 the contribution."

12 SECTION 40. There is appropriated out of the general
13 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
14 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 as a
15 grant-in-aid to the board of ethics of the county of Kauai.

16 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the county of
17 Kauai for the purposes of this Act.

18 SECTION 41. There is appropriated out of the general
19 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
20 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 as a
21 grant-in-aid to the board of ethics of the county of Maui.



1 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the county of
2 Maui for the purposes of this Act.

3 SECTION 42. There is appropriated out of the general
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
5 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 as a
6 grant-in-aid to the board of ethics of the county of Hawaii.

7 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the county of
8 Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

9 SECTION 43. There is appropriated out of the general
10 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
11 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 as a
12 grant-in-aid to the ethics commission of the city and county of
13 Honolulu.

14 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the city and
15 county of Honolulu for the purposes of this Act.

16 SECTION 44. There is appropriated out of the general
17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
18 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and the
19 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
20 2024-2025 for the purposes of this Act.



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1 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
2 the attorney general for the purposes of this Act.

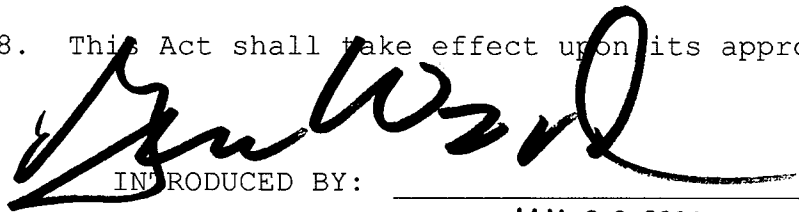
3 SECTION 45. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 46. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
6 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
7 begun before its effective date.

8 SECTION 47. If any provision of this Act, or the
9 application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held
10 invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or
11 applications of the Act that can be given effect without the
12 invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions
13 of this Act are severable.

14 SECTION 48. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Commission to Improve Standards of Conduct

Description:

Introduces suggestions to improve the standards of conduct concerning elected officials, as recommended by the Commission to Improve Standards of Conduct in their final report.

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