
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SERVICE.

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

1 PART I

2 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the State is
3 responsible for upholding an ethical position on the deterrence
4 of conflicts of interest, bribery, and corruption in all
5 branches of government. When government is idle about
6 combatting corruption, this can erode public trust and
7 confidence for state leaders and exacerbate social tensions,
8 which could contribute to violence.

9 The purpose of this Act is to:

- 10 (1) Require that judicial appointees file the same
11 financial disclosures that are required of other state
12 officials, which will help prevent bribery and
13 corruption; and
- 14 (2) Require the commission on salaries to consider the
15 deterrence of bribery and corruption when making its
16 salary recommendations.



1 PART II

2 SECTION 2. Section 84-17, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
3 amended by amending subsections (b) and (c) to read as follows:

4 "(b) The disclosure of financial interests required by
5 this section shall be filed:

6 (1) By any person enumerated in subsection (c), except an
7 appointee for a judge or justice or a member of the
8 legislature, between January 1 and May 31 of each
9 year;

10 (2) By an appointee for a judge or justice within five
11 business days of the appointee's appointment; provided
12 that the disclosure shall be made available to the
13 senate in addition to the state ethics commission and
14 made public by the state ethics commission;

15 [~~2~~] (3) By a member of the legislature between January 1
16 and January 31 of each year;

17 [~~3~~] (4) Within thirty days of a person's election or
18 appointment to a state position enumerated in
19 subsection (c); or

20 [~~4~~] (5) Within thirty days of separation from a state
21 position if a prior financial disclosure statement for



1 the position was not filed within the one hundred
2 eighty days preceding the date of separation;
3 provided that candidates for state elective offices or the
4 constitutional convention shall file the required statements no
5 later than ten days after the nomination filing deadline
6 established pursuant to section 12-6.

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

9 (1) The governor, lieutenant governor, members of the
10 legislature, and delegates to the constitutional
11 convention; provided that delegates to the
12 constitutional convention shall only be required to
13 file initial disclosures;

14 (2) The directors and their deputies, the division chiefs,
15 the executive directors and the executive secretaries
16 and their deputies, the purchasing agents, and the
17 fiscal officers, regardless of the titles by which the
18 foregoing persons are designated, of every state
19 agency and department;



- 1 (3) The permanent employees of the legislature and its
2 service agencies, other than persons employed in
3 clerical, secretarial, or similar positions;
- 4 (4) The administrative director of the State, and the
5 assistants in the office of the governor and
6 lieutenant governor, other than persons employed in
7 clerical, secretarial, or similar positions;
- 8 (5) The hearings officers of every state agency and
9 department;
- 10 (6) The president, vice presidents, assistant vice
11 presidents, chancellors, and provosts of the
12 [University] university of Hawaii and its community
13 colleges;
- 14 (7) The superintendent, deputy superintendent, assistant
15 superintendents, complex area superintendents, state
16 librarian, and deputy state librarian of the
17 department of education;
- 18 (8) The administrative director and deputy director of the
19 courts;



1 (9) The members of every state board or commission whose
2 original terms of office are for periods exceeding one
3 year and whose functions are not solely advisory;

4 (10) Candidates for state elective offices, including
5 candidates for election to the constitutional
6 convention; and appointees for justices and judges;
7 provided that candidates and appointees shall only be
8 required to file initial disclosures;

9 (11) The administrator and assistant administrator of the
10 office of Hawaiian affairs;

11 (12) The Hawaii unmanned aerial systems test site chief
12 operating officer; and

13 (13) The members of the school facilities board appointed
14 by the governor."

15 PART III

16 SECTION 3. Section 26-56, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
17 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

18 "(b) The commission shall review and recommend an
19 appropriate salary for the governor, lieutenant governor,
20 members of the legislature, justices and judges of all state
21 courts, administrative director of the State or an equivalent



1 position, and department heads or executive officers and the
2 deputies or assistants to the department heads of the
3 departments of:

- 4 (1) Accounting and general services;
- 5 (2) Agriculture;
- 6 (3) The attorney general;
- 7 (4) Budget and finance;
- 8 (5) Business, economic development, and tourism;
- 9 (6) Commerce and consumer affairs;
- 10 (7) Corrections and rehabilitation;
- 11 (8) Defense;
- 12 (9) Hawaiian home lands;
- 13 (10) Health;
- 14 (11) Human resources development;
- 15 (12) Human services;
- 16 (13) Labor and industrial relations;
- 17 (14) Land and natural resources;
- 18 (15) Law enforcement;
- 19 (16) Taxation; and
- 20 (17) Transportation.



1 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

3 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
4 provided that that the amendments made to section 84-17, Hawaii
5 Revised Statutes, by section 2 of this Act shall not be repealed
6 when that section is amended on January 1, 2025, pursuant to
7 sections 1 and 4 of Act 123, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023.



Report Title:

Public Officials; Judicial Appointees; Ethics; Salaries;
Disclosures

Description:

Requires appointees for judicial vacancies to file certain disclosures with the State Ethics Commission. Requires the Commission on Salaries to consider the deterrence of bribery and corruption when making its salary recommendations. (SD1)

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