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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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URGING THE ETHICS COMMISSION OF EACH COUNTY TO ADOPT STANDARDS  
SIMILAR TO THAT APPLICABLE TO STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS AND  
OFFICERS AS ADOPTED AND ENFORCED BY THE STATE ETHICS  
COMMISSION.

1 WHEREAS, the primary purpose of governmental ethics laws is  
2 to improve honesty and integrity in government; and  
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4 WHEREAS, public service is a public trust and those  
5 entrusted with the power of office must first and foremost  
6 commit steadfastly to upholding the rule of law and must never  
7 presume that they are above its letter and spirit; and  
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9 WHEREAS, the perception of integrity in government is no  
10 less important than the reality of integrity in government, as  
11 regardless of how honest public officials are in fact, a  
12 democratic system of government cannot function properly if the  
13 public believes its officials are corrupt; and  
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15 WHEREAS, further efforts are necessary for elected  
16 officials and officers to restore trust in county governments;  
17 now, therefore,  
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19 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
20 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
21 of 2025, that the ethics commission of each county are urged to  
22 adopt standards similar to that applicable to state elected  
23 officials and officers as adopted and enforced by the State  
24 Ethics Commission; and  
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
27 Resolution be transmitted to the mayor of each county,  
28 chairperson of each county council, and chairperson of the  
29 ethics commission of each county.  
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OFFERED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

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