

## ACT 146

H.B. NO. 614

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Public Officers and Employees.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:*

**SECTION 1. Purpose.** The Public Officers and Employees Compensation Review Commission was established by the Legislature in 1982. The purpose of the Commission was to study the compensation of elected and appointed officers and employees of all three branches of State government as well as those of the various counties. Act 129, Session Laws of Hawaii 1982, established the Commission and required it to formulate and recommend a compensation schedule containing appropriate salaries for the above-mentioned State and county officers and employees.

According to Act 129, "to ensure a stable situation while the commission is conducting its review and for the fullest benefit to be derived from the intended schedule, the salaries of top-level county officers must not be increased until after legislative review of the recommendation." Act 129 also added Section 46-21.5 and Section 78-18.3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to: 1) prohibit counties from increasing the compensation of elected or appointed officers and employees; and 2) prohibit counties from linking executive pay to collective bargaining increases.

The Commission submitted a recommended salary schedule to the Legislature during the Regular Session of 1983. The schedule was not adopted. Although the Legislature reviewed the recommendation of the commission, Section 46-21.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, remains in effect.

The purpose of this Act is to allow the equal treatment of elected or appointed individuals by repealing Section 46-21.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

**SECTION 2.** Section 46-21.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is hereby repealed.

**SECTION 3.** Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed.<sup>1</sup>

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

(Approved May 29, 1985.)

**Note**

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.