

A Bill for an Act Relating to Administrative Fines.

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

SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to update the maximum administrative fines allowed for violations of chapters relating to standards of conduct and lobbyists.

SECTION 2. Section 84-39, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

“(a) Where an administrative fine has not been established for a violation of this chapter, any person, including a legislator or employee, who violates this chapter shall be subject to an administrative fine imposed by the state ethics commission that shall not exceed [~~\$1,000~~] \$5,000 for each violation. All fines collected under this section shall be deposited in the general fund.”

SECTION 3. Section 97-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

“(a) Any person or entity that:

- (1) Negligently fails to file any statement or report required by this chapter;
- (2) Negligently files a statement or report containing false information or material omission of any fact;
- (3) Engages in activities prohibited by section 97-5;
- (4) Fails to provide information required by section 97-2, including documentation confirming completion of the mandatory lobbyist training course, or 97-3; or
- (5) Makes a gift in violation of section 97-5.5[~~;~~].

shall be subject to an administrative fine imposed by the state ethics commission that shall not exceed [~~\$1,000~~] \$5,000 for each violation of this chapter. All fines collected under this section shall be deposited into the general fund.”

SECTION 4. This Act does not affect rights and duties that matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were begun before its effective date.

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken.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

SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved May 3, 2024.)