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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LOBBYISTS.

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

1           SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to clarify that the  
2 state ethics commission may assess an administrative fine  
3 pursuant to a settlement agreement.

4           SECTION 2. Section 97-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
5 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

6           "(b) No fine shall be assessed unless:

- 7           (1) The commission convenes a hearing in accordance with  
8           section 97-6(c) and chapter 91[+] and a decision has  
9           been rendered by the commission; or
- 10          (2) [~~A decision has been rendered by the commission.~~] The  
11          commission and the alleged violator agree to resolve  
12          any alleged violation prior to completion of the  
13          contested case process and the resolution includes  
14          payment of an administrative fine, restitution, or  
15          both."



1           SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that  
2 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were  
3 begun before its effective date.

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  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

6           SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

State Ethics Commission Package; Lobbyists; Administrative  
Fines; Settlement Agreement

**Description:**

Clarifies that the State Ethics Commission may require payment  
of an administrative fine or restitution pursuant to a  
settlement agreement. (SD1)

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