
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EMOLUMENTS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that in the absence of
2 the governor from the State, or the governor's inability to
3 exercise and discharge the powers and duties of the governor's
4 office, the powers and duties devolve upon the lieutenant
5 governor during such absence or disability. Such responsibility
6 makes it essential that the holder of the office of the
7 lieutenant governor devote their complete attention, time, and
8 energy to serving the people of Hawaii to the best of their
9 ability and to also avoid even the appearance of a potential
10 conflict of interest.

11 The legislature further finds that part of the commitment
12 to fulfilling the duties of the office of the lieutenant
13 governor and maintaining public integrity involves not holding
14 other employment or receiving other emoluments while serving as
15 lieutenant governor.



1 The legislature also finds that this matter is one of
2 statewide concern and interest and is therefore a permissible
3 area of control reserved for the legislature.

4 SECTION 2. Section 84-14.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 "~~§~~84-14.5~~§~~ **Governor; lieutenant governor; outside**
7 **employment and emoluments prohibited.** (a) Beginning
8 November 1, 2022, as of the sixty-first calendar day after
9 election or appointment to office, it shall be unlawful for the
10 governor ~~or lieutenant governor,~~ while holding ~~that office,~~
11 their respective offices, to maintain any other employment,
12 maintain a controlling interest in a business, or receive any
13 emolument.

14 (b) Where a governor or lieutenant governor has a
15 controlling interest in a business, in order to comply with this
16 section, the governor or lieutenant governor may transfer the
17 interest to a blind trust within sixty-one days of election or
18 appointment.

19 (c) As used in this section:

20 "Blind trust" means a trust agreement where neither the
21 trustor nor the beneficiaries have any control or influence



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1 over, or knowledge of, the assets in the trust, and which
2 complies with the definition of "qualified blind trust" in the
3 Ethics in Government Act of 1978, 5 U.S.C. App. 4 section 101 et
4 seq., as amended.

5 "Emolument" means any salary, fee, payment, wage, earning,
6 allowance, stipend, honorarium, or reward; provided that
7 "emolument" does not include the salary or benefits for service
8 as the governor or lieutenant governor or any pension income;
9 retirement income; social security payment; non-controlling
10 ownership of stocks, mutual funds, or real estate; rental
11 income; or other form of passive income."

12 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
13 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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Report Title:

Lieutenant Governor; Outside Employment; Controlling Interest, or Emoluments; Prohibited

Description:

Beginning 11/1/2022, prohibits the lieutenant governor, while holding the office of the lieutenant governor, from maintaining any other employment, maintaining a controlling interest in a business, or receiving any emolument, beginning on the sixty-first calendar day after election or appointment to office.

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