
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS.

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

1 SECTION 1. State board and commission members are required
2 to file annual disclosure statements with the state ethics
3 commission. These records are generally kept confidential.
4 Unfortunately, due to limited resources, the state ethics
5 commission does not have the ability to search these records for
6 potential conflicts of interest. The legislature, as well as
7 the Hawaii state ethics commission, find that the public is in
8 the best position to identify conflicts of interest. The
9 purpose of this Act is to require that the financial disclosure
10 statements of the commissioners of the public utilities
11 commission are made available for public inspection and
12 duplication.

13 SECTION 2. Section 84-17, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
14 amended by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:

15 "(d) The financial disclosure statements of the following
16 persons shall be public records and available for inspection and
17 duplication:



- 1 (1) The governor, the lieutenant governor, the members of
2 the legislature, candidates for and delegates to the
3 constitutional convention, the trustees of the office
4 of Hawaiian affairs, and candidates for state elective
5 offices;
- 6 (2) The directors of the state departments and their
7 deputies, regardless of the titles by which the
8 foregoing persons are designated; provided that with
9 respect to the department of the attorney general, the
10 foregoing shall apply only to the attorney general and
11 the first deputy attorney general;
- 12 (3) The administrative director of the State;
- 13 (4) The president, the vice presidents, the assistant vice
14 presidents, the chancellors, and the provosts of the
15 University of Hawaii;
- 16 (5) The members of the board of education and the
17 superintendent, the deputy superintendent, the state
18 librarian, and the deputy state librarian of the
19 department of education;
- 20 (6) The administrative director and the deputy director of
21 the courts; [~~and~~]



- 1 (7) The administrator and the assistant administrator of
2 the office of Hawaiian affairs[-]; and
3 (8) The commissioners of the public utilities commission."

4 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
5 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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Report Title:

Financial Disclosures; Public Records; Public Utilities
Commission

Description:

Requires the financial disclosure statements of the
commissioners of the public utilities commission to be made
available for public inspection and duplication. (SD1)

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