
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION.

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

PART I

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2 SECTION 1. Act 151, Session Laws of Hawaii 2015,
3 appropriated \$130,000 in general funds for fiscal year 2015-2016
4 to the state ethics commission for the design and development of
5 an electronic filing system. The executive director of the
6 state ethics commission, however, has indicated that the total
7 amount of the appropriation will not be expended due to the
8 implementation of an alternative, less costly design and
9 development approach.

10 The purpose of this part is to reduce the appropriation in
11 Act 151, Session Laws of Hawaii 2015, from \$130,000 to \$50,000
12 to design and develop the electronic filing system.

13 SECTION 2. Act 151, Session Laws of Hawaii 2015, is
14 amended by amending section 2 to read as follows:

15 "SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of [~~\$130,000~~] \$50,000 or
17 so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 to
18 design and develop a system that allows filers to electronically



1 file required statements and reports with the state ethics
2 commission.

3 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the state ethics
4 commission for the purposes of this Act."

5 PART II

6 SECTION 3. The legislature finds that the funds not
7 necessary to cover the costs for the design and development of
8 an electronic filing system should be reappropriated for other
9 costs expected to be incurred by the state ethics commission.

10 The purpose of this part is to:

- 11 (1) Establish a task force to review and make
- 12 recommendations regarding the lobbyist laws under
- 13 chapter 97, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and
- 14 (2) Appropriate funds to the state ethics commission to
- 15 establish a task force to review state lobbyist laws.

16 SECTION 4. (a) There is established a lobbyist law task
17 force within the state ethics commission for administrative
18 purposes only. The purposes of the task force shall be to
19 examine the State's lobbyist laws and make recommendations to
20 the legislature to amend these laws, if deemed necessary.

21 (b) The task force shall:



- 1 (1) Review and analyze for effectiveness, efficiency, and
- 2 enforceability the lobbyist laws under chapter 97,
- 3 Hawaii Revised Statutes, and other state laws that
- 4 affect the lobbyist laws;
- 5 (2) Explore and examine the lobbyist laws of other
- 6 jurisdictions and determine whether the statutory
- 7 models of other jurisdictions may be appropriate for
- 8 the State's lobbyist laws;
- 9 (3) Engage in discussions with stakeholders who engage in
- 10 lobbying activities to gain perspective regarding the
- 11 State's lobbyist laws; and
- 12 (4) Address any other issues that the state ethics
- 13 commission deems necessary to accomplish the purposes
- 14 of the task force.
- 15 (c) The task force shall be comprised of members to be
- 16 selected by the state ethics commission who are:
- 17 (1) Registered lobbyists;
- 18 (2) Representatives of organizations involved in lobbying;
- 19 (3) Government accountability groups;
- 20 (4) Community stakeholders; and



1 (5) Other members whom the state ethics commission deems
2 necessary to accomplish the purposes of the task
3 force.

4 Members of the task force shall serve without compensation. The
5 state ethics commission shall provide the task force with the
6 resources and staff support necessary for the accomplishment of
7 its duties. The task force shall cease to exist on June 30,
8 2017.

9 (d) The task force shall submit a written report of its
10 findings and recommendations, including any proposed
11 legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior
12 to the convening of the regular session of 2017.

13 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general
14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
15 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for
16 the payment of expenses incurred for administering and operating
17 the lobbyist law task force established pursuant to this part.

18 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the state ethics
19 commission for the purposes of this part.

20 PART III



1 SECTION 6. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

3 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on January 7, 2059.

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Report Title:

State Ethics Commission; Lobbyist Laws; Task Force;
Appropriation

Description:

Reduces the appropriation in Act 151, SLH 2015, to the state ethics commission for an electronic filing system. Establishes a task force to examine the State's lobbyist laws and make recommendations to the legislature to amend these laws, if necessary. Re-appropriates the savings for an electronic filing system to cover the expenses of the lobbyist law task force. Takes effect on 1/7/2059. (SD1)

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