## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ETHICS.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 84-18, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 2 amended to read as follows:
- 3 "§84-18 Restrictions on post employment. (a) No former
- 4 legislator or employee shall disclose any information which by
- 5 law or practice is not available to the public and which the
- 6 former legislator or employee acquired in the course of the
- 7 former legislator's or employee's official duties or use the
- 8 information for the former legislator's or employee's personal
- 9 gain or the benefit of anyone.
- 10 (b) No former legislator, within [twelve] twenty-four
- 11 months after termination of the former legislator's employment,
- 12 shall represent any person or business for a fee or other
- 13 consideration, on matters in which the former legislator
- 14 participated as a legislator or on matters involving official
- 15 action by the legislature.
- 16 (c) No former employee, within [twelve] twenty-four months
- 17 after termination of the former employee's employment, shall
- 18 represent any person or business for a fee or other

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- 1 consideration, on matters in which the former employee
- 2 participated as an employee or on matters involving official
- 3 action by the particular state agency or subdivision thereof
- 4 with which the former employee had actually served.
- 5 (d) This section shall not prohibit any agency from
- 6 contracting with a former legislator or employee to act on a
- 7 matter on behalf of the State within the period of limitations
- 8 stated herein, and shall not prevent such legislator or employee
- 9 from appearing before any agency in relation to such employment.
- 10 (e) This section shall not apply to any person who is
- 11 employed by the State for a period of less than one hundred and
- 12 eighty-one days.
- (f) For the purposes of this section, "represent" means to
- 14 engage in direct communication on behalf of any person or
- 15 business with a legislator, a legislative employee, a particular
- 16 state agency or subdivision thereof, or their employees."
- 17 SECTION 2. Section 84-19, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 18 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:
- 19 "§84-19 Violation. (a) Any favorable state action
- 20 obtained in violation of the code of ethics for legislators and
- 21 former legislators or employees and former employees is voidable
- 22 in the same manner as voidable contracts as provided for under



- 1 section 84-16; and the State by the attorney general may pursue
- all legal and equitable remedies available to it." 2
- 3 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 5 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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### Description:

Increases time period for restriction on post-employment lobbying of former legislators and state employees