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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that to enhance public  
2 trust in government, steps should be taken to deter allegations  
3 concerning potential conflicts of interest in the legislative  
4 process. Specifically, the legislature finds that lobbyists who  
5 lobby the legislature should be regulated more stringently to  
6 reduce situations where actual or perceived conflicts of  
7 interest may be raised.

8           The purpose of this Act is to prohibit registered lobbyists  
9 who lobby the legislature, principals of these lobbyists, agents  
10 and clients of these lobbyists, and any political action  
11 committee on which the these lobbyists sit from making a  
12 contribution to the governor, lieutenant governor, and members  
13 of the legislature while the legislature is in session.

14           SECTION 2. Section 97-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
15 amended to read as follows:

16           " [+]§97-5[+] **Restricted activities[-]; campaign**  
17 **contributions.** (a) No lobbyist shall accept or agree to accept



1 any payment in any way contingent upon the defeat, enactment, or  
2 outcome of any proposed legislative or administrative action.

3 (b) No lobbyist, principal of a lobbyist, client of a  
4 lobbyist, agent of a lobbyist, or political action committee on  
5 which a lobbyist sits, that lobbies the legislature shall make a  
6 contribution to:

- 7 (1) The governor;
- 8 (2) The lieutenant governor; or
- 9 (3) A member of the legislature,

10 when the legislature is convened in regular or special session.

11 (c) This section does not affect the requirements of  
12 section 84-11.

13 (d) For purposes of this section:

14 "Contribution" does not include any gifts of flowers, food,  
15 or other items customarily given during the course of a session.

16 "Political action committee" means a political committee  
17 registered with the Federal Election Commission as a political  
18 action committee.

19 "Principal of a lobbyist" means any person or entity that  
20 employs, retains, engages, or uses a lobbyist, regardless of  
21 whether the lobbyist is compensated."



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1           SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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INTRODUCED BY: 



**Report Title:**

Lobbyist; Contribution Ban

**Description:**

Prohibits a lobbyist, principal of a lobbyist, client or agent of lobbyist, and a political action committee on which the lobbyist sits, that lobbies the legislature from making a contribution to a member of the legislature, the governor, and lieutenant governor while the legislature is in session.

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