

### A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTIONS.

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

1	SECTION 1. Chapter 11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended			
2	by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to			
3	read as follows:			
4	"§11- Reemployment rights. (a) Every employee subject			
5	to chapter 76 or 89 who resigns from employment to seek elective			
6	office shall be entitled to reemployment if the employee fails			
7	to be elected; provided that the employee:			
8	(1) Files nomination papers;			
9	(2) Requests reemployment within sixty days of the			
10	conclusion of the election; and			
11	(3) The employee was not subject to disciplinary action or			
12	terminated for cause by the employee's public			
13	employer.			
14	(b) Any person who requests reemployment pursuant to			
15	subsection (a), if still qualified to perform the duties of the			
16	position previously held by the person, shall be restored by the			
17	employer or the employer's successor in interest to the position			

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1	or to a position of like seniority, status, and pay, unless the			
2	employer's circumstances have so changed as to make it			
3	impossible or unreasonable to do so.			
4	(c) Any person who is restored to or reemployed in a			
5	position	pursu	ant to this section:	
6	(1) Shall be:			
7		<u>(A)</u>	Considered as having been on furlough or leave of	
8			absence and not eligible to receive employee or	
9	•		retirement benefits during that time;	
10		<u>(B)</u>	Restored or reemployed without loss of seniority;	
11			<u>and</u>	
12		<u>(C)</u>	Entitled to participate in insurance or other	
13			benefits offered by the employer pursuant to	
14			established rules and practices relating to	
15			employees on furlough or leave of absence in	
16			effect with the employer at the time the person	
17			resigned; and	
18	(2)	Shal	l not be discharged from the employment position	
19		with	out cause within one year after the restoration or	
20		reem	ployment."	
21	SECT	ION 2	. New statutory material is underscored.	

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

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### Report Title:

Elections; Reemployment Rights; Public Employees

### Description:

Establishes reemployment rights for public employees who resign in order to seek elective office.

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