

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LOBBYISTS.

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

1	SECTION 1. Section 97-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2	amended to read as follows:
3	"§97-4 Manner of filing; public records[-]; accessible
4	online. (a) All statements required by this chapter to be
5	filed with the state ethics commission[+
6	(1) Shall be deemed properly filed when [delivered
7	or deposited in an established post office]
8	electronically transmitted to the state ethics
9	commission in a form and manner prescribed by rules
10	adopted by the state ethics commission pursuant to
11	chapter 91 within the prescribed time[, duly stamped
12	registered, or certified, and directed to the state
13	ethics commission]; provided, however, [in the event
14	if it is not received, a duplicate of the statement
15	shall be promptly filed upon notice by the state
16	ethics commission of its nonreceipt[; and].

1	<u>(b)</u>	The state ethics commission shall post all statements	
2	submitted	pursuant to this chapter on	
3	[(2)	Shall be preserved by] the state ethics commission	
4		website and make the statements available on the state	
5		ethics commission website for a period of not less	
6		than four years from the date of filing[; and]. All	
7		statements available on the state ethics commission	
8		website shall be text searchable, and the information	
9		on each statement shall be available for download in a	
10		spreadsheet format.	
11	(c)	Statements available on the state ethics commission	
12	website shall constitute part of the [public] government records		
13	of the state ethics commission."		
14	SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed		
15	and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.		
16	SECTI	ON 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval	
17	and shall apply to all statements filed pursuant to chapter 97,		
18	Hawaii Rev	rised Statutes, filed after December 31, 2015.	

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Report Title:

State Ethics Commission; Lobbyist Statements; Online Access

Description:

Requires the electronic filing of lobbyist disclosure statements. Requires that the filed statements be posted online.

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