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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ETHICS.

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

- 1           SECTION 1. Section 84-11.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:
- 3           "(d) Excluded from the reporting requirements of this  
4 section are the following:
- 5           (1) Gifts received by will or intestate succession;
- 6           (2) Gifts received by way of distribution of any inter  
7 vivos or testamentary trust established by a spouse or  
8 ancestor;
- 9           (3) Gifts from a spouse, fiance, fiancée, or any relative  
10 within four degrees of consanguinity, or the spouse,  
11 fiance, or fiancée of such a relative. A gift from  
12 any such person is a reportable gift if the person is  
13 acting as an agent or intermediary for any person not  
14 covered by this paragraph;
- 15           (4) Political campaign contributions that comply with  
16 state law;



1 (5) Anything available to or distributed to the public  
2 generally without regard to the official status of the  
3 recipient;

4 (6) Gifts that, within thirty days after receipt, are  
5 returned to the giver or delivered to a public body or  
6 to a bona fide educational or charitable organization  
7 without the donation being claimed as a charitable  
8 contribution for tax purposes; [and]

9 (7) Exchanges of approximately equal value on holidays,  
10 [~~birthday,~~] birthdays, or special occasions[-]; and

11 (8) Tangible and nonperishable gifts received by an  
12 elected or appointed official on behalf of the State;  
13 provided that the gift shall be listed in a public  
14 record maintained by the respective state agency as  
15 property of the State. Upon the end of the official's  
16 term of office, the gift may remain with the  
17 official's state agency, or the state agency may  
18 transfer the gift to the state archives or state  
19 foundation on culture and the arts, as appropriate."

20 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
21 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.



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



**Report Title:**

Ethics; Gift Reporting; Elected Officials

**Description:**

Exempts tangible and nonperishable gifts received by an elected or appointed official on behalf of the State from gift reporting requirements under the ethics code. Requires the gift to be publicly recorded and maintained as property of the State and allows the gift to remain with the official's state agency or be transferred to the state archives or state foundation on culture and the arts at the end of the official's term. (HB631 HD1)

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