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Committee: Committee on Judiciary

Bill Number: S.B. 872, SD1

Hearing Date/Time: Wednesday, March 22, 2017, 2:00 p.m.

Re: Testimony of the Hawaii State Ethics Commission in **SUPPORT** 

of S.B. 872, SD1 Relating to Ethics

Dear Chair Nishimoto and Committee Members:

The Hawaii State Ethics Commission ("Commission") supports S.B. 872, SD1, a housekeeping measure regarding Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS") § 28-8.3.

This section amends HRS § 28-8.3 to make clear that the Commission can hire attorneys. Currently, HRS § 28-8.3 prohibits any state agency from hiring attorneys, except for the agencies listed in that statute; the Commission's omission from this list appears to have been an oversight. This section also makes clear that the Commission's attorneys, like those in most other legislative and executive agencies, are not considered Deputy Attorneys General.

This measure is substantively identical to H.B. 512, which this Committee heard (and passed) earlier this session.

Thank you for considering the Commission's testimony on SB 872, SD1.

Very truly yours,

**Daniel Gluck** 

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**SB872** 

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## Comments:

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