### A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE STATE ETHICS CODE.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 84-13, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 2 amended as follows:
- 3 1. By amending subsection (b) to read:
- 4 "(b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to
- 5 prohibit a legislator from introducing bills and resolutions,
- 6 from serving on a committee, or from making statements or taking
- 7 [official] action [as a legislator.] in the exercise of the
- 8 legislator's legislative functions. Every legislator shall
- 9 publicly disclose the nature and extent of the interest or
- 10 transaction that the legislator believes may be affected by the
- 11 legislator's official action[-] in accordance with section 84-17
- and the rules of each house of the legislature."
- 13 2. By amending subsection (d) to read:
- 14 "(d) The state ethics commission shall adopt rules
- 15 pursuant to chapter 91 to effectuate the purposes of this
- 16 section [-], except that each house of the legislature shall
- 17 adopt rules regarding disclosure of the nature and extent of any

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- 1 interest or transaction that the legislator believes may be
- 2 affected by the legislator's official action."
- 3 SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
- 4 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
- 5 begun before its effective date.
- 6 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 7 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 8 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

INTRODUCED BY: SCHIP. On.

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### Report Title:

Ethics; Legislators; Fair Treatment; Disclosures

#### Description:

Restores statutory protection for legislators when carrying out a legislative function. Clarifies that each house of the legislature shall adopt rules regarding disclosure of the nature and extent of any interest or transaction that the legislator believes may be affected by the legislator's official action.

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