

HAWAII STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

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Committee: Committee on Government Operations

Bill Number: S.B. 1055

Hearing Date/Time: January 31, 2019, 2:45 p.m.

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

S.B. 1055, Relating to Financial Disclosure Statements

Dear Chair Thielen and Committee Members:

The Hawaii State Ethics Commission ("Commission") supports S.B. 1055, which requires additional details regarding the source of outside income for certain high-level state officials' financial disclosure statements.

The Commission supports legislation that promotes openness and transparency in government; requiring certain high-level state officials to provide more specificity and detail in their financial disclosure statements will help to maintain the public's trust in state government. This measure will aid the public, and the Commission, in identifying (and addressing) any potential conflicts of interests to ensure the highest levels of integrity.

This bill will require the Commission to make some changes to its electronic filing system, but we anticipate that we can absorb these costs with existing allocations.

Finally, we note that the current version of S.B. 1055 appears to be missing some of the existing statutory language from HRS § 84-17(f)(1) (at page 3, lines 2-3 of the bill), and we respectfully recommend that this issue be addressed in any future versions of this measure.

Thank you for your continuing support of the Commission's work and for considering the Commission's testimony on S.B. 1055.

Very truly yours,

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Henry Curtis	Testifying for Life of the Land	Support	Yes

Comments:

Please pass this bill to protect our `aina.

Mahalo

Henry Curtis

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Life of the Land