
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO GIFTS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 84, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
2 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to
3 read as follows:

4 "§84- Gifts of aloha. (a) Notwithstanding section 84-
5 11 or any rule to the contrary, legislators and legislative
6 employees shall be authorized to accept a gift of aloha from
7 lobbyists or their clients.

8 (b) As used in this section:

9 "Gift of aloha" means anything of value, including a meal,
10 whose fair market value is \$25 or less.

11 "Lobbyist" means any individual who:

12 (1) Receives or expects to receive, either by employment
13 or contract, \$1,000 or more in monetary or in-kind
14 compensation in any calendar year for engaging in
15 lobbying, either personally or through the lobbyist's
16 agents; or



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1 (2) For pay or other consideration, on behalf of another
2 person:

3 (A) Engages in lobbying in excess of five hours in
4 any month of any reporting period described in
5 section 97-3;

6 (B) Engages in lobbying in excess of ten hours during
7 any calendar year; or

8 (C) Makes expenditures of \$1,000 or more of the
9 person's or any other person's money lobbying
10 during any reporting period described in section
11 97-3;

12 provided that an employee of a nonprofit organization who spends
13 fewer than ten hours in any month lobbying on a grant
14 application submitted pursuant to chapter 42F is not a lobbyist
15 if the employee does not engage in lobbying on matters that are
16 unrelated to the grant application."

17 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

18 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Ethics Code; Gifts of Aloha

Description:

Authorizes legislators and legislative employees to accept gifts of aloha from lobbyists or their clients. Defines "gifts of aloha" as anything of value, including a meal, whose fair market value is \$25 or less.

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