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Written Testimony before the
COMMISSION TO IMPROVE STANDARDS OF CONDUCT
June 1, 2022 (2:00 pm)

RE: Legislator conflicts of interest provisions

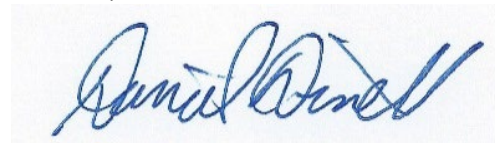
Chair Foley & Members of the Commission:

Attached please find my idea from 1994 sent to the State Ethics Commission. I did not receive a written response; however, I did receive a phone call and my handwritten contemporaneous notes reflect that conversation.

After 28 years I still feel that holding fundraisers during the legislative session and touting one's leadership post in fundraising is not in the public interest. Regarding the latter, it is saying, "donate to me, I'm chair of Committee X." Of course, most who contribute to campaigns do know who is holding what position within the Legislature, but it is unseemly. If indeed such a prohibition is a First Amendment issue as I was told at the time, at least add to Legislator's conflict of interest/code of conduct policies that fundraising materials should not contain positions granted by colleagues. What greater conflict of interest is there then to overtly advertise one's post to garner contributions?

I really don't want to save a copy of this testimony until 2050 and send it in again then in hope change will occur. Sincere thanks to the members of this Commission for undertaking the task of reviewing and recommending standards of conduct for our elected officials.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Daniel Dinell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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February 23, 1994

Mr. Daniel Mollway
Executive Director
State Ethics Commission
P.O. Box 616
Honolulu, Hawaii 96809

Dear Mr. Mollway:

Attached is a copy of a newspaper advertisement promoting Rep. Dwight Takamine's recent fundraiser.

I was taken aback by the ad which states his position as Chairman of a legislative committee. Personally, I think it appalling that Legislators even hold their fundraisers during the Session, but to advertise a leadership position not bestowed upon Rep. Takamine by the voters, but rather by his peers, is highly questionable in my opinion.

Perhaps the Commission may want to issue an advisory to all Legislators as to the propriety of holding fundraisers during the session and moreover, whether promotion of their leadership posts in their fundraiser efforts is ethical.

I'd appreciate a response to this inquiry.

Sincerely,



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Robert McLaren
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3/16 called @ home

3/21 - candid, its a 1st advertisement
issue; already ruled that
can use as a candidate; only
ethics violation would be if
overt connection or endorsement
by state

ian Ballroom Association and the Orchid Isle Dance Club. Survived by companion, June Ikeda; sister, Mrs. Yoshiharu (Amy) Umeda; and brothers, Yasuo, and Isami of Honolulu. It was the deceased's wish that only a private family service be held. Arrangements by Hosoi Garden Mortuary.

ISIDRO "PEDRO" LATA GODOY, 90, of Hilo, Big Island, died Feb. 1, 1994. He was born in Pangasinan, the Philippines, and was a retired "saman" bus owner. He was a member of Malia Puka O Kalani Catholic Church, Panaewa Community Association, the Filipino-American Association and Hilo Square Dancing Club. Survived by wife, Julita Rebellon-Godoy; daughters, Beverly of California, Carol Hughes, Mae Kahiwa of Kona, Lehua Kapaku of Honolulu, Shirley Carvalho of Honolulu and Helen of California; son, Donald Medeiros; 29 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren. Friends may call 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at Malia Puka O Kalani Catholic Church, Keaukaha, Big Island; wake services 7 p.m. Or call 9 to 10 a.m.

MANUEL FELICIANO MELLO JR., 73, of Pearl City, died Jan. 28, 1994. He was born in Kalaheo, Kauai, and was retired as a lineman at Fort Shafter and as a heavy equipment operator with Hawaiian Telephone Co. Survived by daughter, Mrs. Ronald P. (Patricia Mae) Lum; grandchildren; Ronald Jr., Raymond and Kathlene Lum; sister, Mrs. Jessie Santarone; and half-brother, Joe Mello. Private services held; arrangements by Hosoi Garden Mortuary.

MICHAEL HIDEO MIYAMOTO, 58, of Honolulu, died Feb. 4, 1994. He was born in Honolulu. Survived by brothers, Dennis S. Miyamoto and Herbert Taguma; sister, Mrs. Gary (Jeanette) Gilmour of Washington; and nieces, nephews and cousins. Services 6 p.m. Thursday at Hosoi Garden Mortuary. No flowers; casual attire.

ROBERT TADAO MURAKAMI, 87, of Honolulu, died Feb. 2, 1994. He was born in Kealakekua, Big Island. Survived by wife, Dorothy R.; sons,

Honolulu, died Feb. 3, 1994. He was born in Hana, Maui, was retired from Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and was a 100th Infantry Battalion, Company B, veteran. Survived by wife, Yeiko; sons, Kenneth, Jackson and Brien L.; sisters, Mrs. Sekichi (Yukiko) Oya and Mrs. Helen Takahashi of Maui; and six grandchildren. Private services; arrangements by Hosoi Garden Mortuary.

EVA MARQUES PAIVA, 79, of Honokaa, Big Island, died Feb. 3, 1994. She was born in Ahualoa, Big Island, was a retired Honokaa Hospital kitchen helper. Survived by sons, Allan C. "Happy" of Hilo, and Franklin "Lynn"; sisters, Leanora M. Johnsen, Florence Botelho, and Emma Law of California; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews. Friends may call 6 to 9 p.m. tomorrow at Honokaa Catholic Church; Mass 7 p.m. Or call 8 to 9 a.m. Wednesday at the church; prayer services 9 a.m.; burial to follow at the church cemetery. Casual attire. Arrangements by Memorial Mortuary, Hi-

p.m. Saturday; service 1:30 p.m. Burial at Hawaiian Memorial Park Cemetery. Casual attire. Arrangements by Hawaiian Memorial Park Mortuary.

PEARL SHIGEKO YAMAGUCHI, 86, of Honokaa, Big Island. She was born in Hilo, was a retired housekeeper for Honokaa Hospital and member of Honokaa Hongwanji Mission. Survived by daughter, Shirley S. Kaminaga; brother, James T. Tanida; and sisters, Mrs. George (Peggy T.) Correa, Jane T. Utu, Mrs. Albert (Nellie A.) Simpson, and Mitsuko Taves. Services held; arrangements by Hosoi Garden Mortuary.

ROBERT SEICHI YOSHIKAWA, 58, of Honolulu, died Jan. 27, 1994. He was born in Honolulu. Survived by wife, Sau Yong; sons, Alexander K. and Stacy K., both of Washington; mother, Mrs. Dorothy R. Murakami; brothers, Douglas M. and Stephen H.; sisters, Mrs. George (Janet) Taguma and Mrs. Douglas (Barbara) Pires. Private family service held; arrangements by Hosoi Garden Mortuary.

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