



GOV. MSG. NO. 110

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR
KE KIA'ĀINA

March 31, 2023

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate,
and Members of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

✓The Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, and Members of the
House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on March 31, 2023, the following bill was signed into law:

HB142

RELATING TO GIFTS FROM LOBBYISTS.
ACT 010

Sincerely,

Josh Green, M.D.
Governor, State of Hawai'i

on MAR 31 2023

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 2023
STATE OF HAWAII

H.B. NO. 142

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO GIFTS FROM LOBBYISTS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to improve standards
2 of conduct by prohibiting lobbyists from making certain gifts to
3 legislators and state employees.

4 SECTION 2. Chapter 97, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
5 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to
6 read as follows:

7 "§97- Unlawful gifts by lobbyists. (a) It shall be
8 unlawful for a lobbyist or any person or entity required to file
9 a statement of expenditures under section 97-3 to make a gift to
10 a legislator or employee that is prohibited by section 84-11 or
11 title 21, chapter 7 of the Hawaii administrative rules.

12 (b) For the purposes of this section, "employee" shall
13 have the same meaning as defined in section 84-3."

14 SECTION 3. Section 97-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
15 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

16 "(a) Any person [~~who~~] or entity that:



- 1 (1) Negligently fails to file any statement or report
- 2 required by this chapter;
- 3 (2) Negligently files a statement or report containing
- 4 false information or material omission of any fact;
- 5 (3) Engages in activities prohibited by section 97-5; [~~ex~~]
- 6 (4) Fails to provide information required by section 97-2
- 7 or 97-3; or
- 8 (5) Makes a gift in violation of section 97- ;

9 shall be subject to an administrative fine imposed by the state
10 ethics commission that shall not exceed \$1,000 for each
11 violation of this chapter. All fines collected under this
12 section shall be deposited into the general fund."

13 SECTION 4. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
14 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
15 begun before its effective date.

16 SECTION 5. If any provision of this Act, or the
17 application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held
18 invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or
19 applications of the Act that can be given effect without the
20 invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions
21 of this Act are severable.



HB No. 142

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: February 13, 2023
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023.



Scott K. Saiki
Speaker
House of Representatives



Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: **MAR 20 2023**
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Third Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023.



Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate



Carol T. Taniguchi
Clerk of the Senate