

JAN 19 2023

A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR COUNTY ETHICS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that many of the county
2 ethics boards or commissions lack the necessary resources to
3 adequately meet their constitutionally mandated obligations.
4 Limited or no staffing prevents these entities from sufficiently
5 investigating complaints, providing advice to current county
6 employees, or offering training on how to follow the pertinent
7 code of ethics.

8 Providing a one-time grant-in-aid would allow the county
9 entities to develop the infrastructure and capacity to better
10 meet the constitutional mandate of holding public officers and
11 employees to "the highest standards of ethical conduct". It
12 would also allow the counties to appropriately establish greater
13 and more reliable funding over time.

14 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to incentivize and
15 encourage the counties to provide greater capacity to county
16 ethics boards or commissions.



1 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
 2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
 3 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 as a
 4 grant-in-aid to the board of ethics of the county of Kauai.

5 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the county of
 6 Kauai for the purposes of this Act.

7 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
 8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
 9 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 as a
 10 grant-in-aid to the board of ethics of the county of Maui.

11 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the county of
 12 Maui for the purposes of this Act.

13 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
 14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
 15 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 as a
 16 grant-in-aid to the board of ethics of the county of Hawaii.

17 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the county of
 18 Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

19 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general
 20 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
 21 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 as a



S.B. NO. 181

Report Title:

State Ethics Commission Package; County Ethics Boards or Commissions; Appropriation

Description:

Provides one-time grants-in-aid to the respective ethics boards of the counties of Kauai, Maui, and Hawaii, and to the Ethics Commission of the City and County of Honolulu.

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