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# 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 the county ethics  
2 boards for Maui, Kauai, Hawaii, and Oahu lack the necessary  
3 resources to adequately meet their constitutionally mandated  
4 obligations. Limited or no staffing prevents these entities  
5 from sufficiently investigating complaints, providing advice to  
6 current county employees, or offering training on how to follow  
7 the pertinent code of ethics.

8           Providing a one-time grant-in-aid would allow the county  
9 ethics boards of Maui, Kauai, Hawaii, and Oahu to hire paid  
10 staff who will be responsible for securing, from the respective  
11 counties, future ethics board funding. Such a one-time  
12 investment by the State would therefore lead to long-term  
13 financial stability for the county ethics boards.

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



1 grant-in-aid to the ethics commission of the city and county of  
2 Honolulu.

3 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the city and  
4 county of Honolulu for the purposes of this Act.

5 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 3000.



**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. Takes effect 01/01/3000. (SD1)

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