THE SENATE THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 2024 STATE OF HAWAII

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO REPORTING PERIODS.

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

1	PART I									
2	SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to amend portions of									
3	chapters 84 and 97 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes to provide									
4	greater uniformity, efficiency, and effectiveness in the									
5	administration and enforcement of the state ethics code and									
6	state lobbyists law by:									
7	(1) Establishing a phased process for adjusting the									
8	reporting period for gift disclosures filed with the									
9	. state ethics commission to conform with the state									
10	fiscal year; and									
11	(2) Providing for the electronic filing of statements									
12	required by the state ethics commission.									
13	PART II									
14	SECTION 2. Section 84-11.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is									
15	amended to read as follows:									
16	"§84-11.5 Reporting of gifts. (a) Every legislator and									
17	employee shall file a gifts disclosure statement with the state									

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1	ethics con	mmission no later than [June 30] <u>July 31</u> of each year
2	if all the	e following conditions are met:
3	(1)	The legislator or employee, or spouse or dependent
4		child of a legislator or employee, received directly
5		or indirectly from one source any gift or gifts valued
6		singly or in the aggregate in excess of \$200, whether
7		the gift is in the form of money, service, goods, or
8		in any other form;
9	(2)	The source of the gift or gifts have interests that
10		may be affected by official action or lack of action
11		by the legislator or employee; and
12	(3)	The gift is not exempted by subsection (d) from
13		reporting requirements under this subsection.
14	(b)	The report shall cover the period from June 1 of the
15	preceding	calendar year through [May 31] <u>June 30</u> of the year of
16	the report	
17	(C)	The gifts disclosure statement shall contain the
18	following	information:
19	(1)	A description of the gift;
20	(2)	A good faith estimate of the value of the gift;
21	(3)	The date the gift was received; and

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1	(4)	The name of the person, business entity, or
2		organization from whom, or on behalf of whom, the gift
3		was received.
4	(d)	Excluded from the reporting requirements of this
5	section a	re the following:
6	(1)	Gifts received by will or intestate succession;
7	(2)	Gifts received by way of distribution of any inter
8		vivos or testamentary trust established by a spouse or
9		ancestor;
10	(3)	Gifts from a spouse, [fiance, fiancee,] betrothed, or
11		any relative within four degrees of consanguinity or
12	·	the spouse[, fiance, or fiancee] or betrothed of such
13		a relative. A gift from any such person is a
14		reportable gift if the person is acting as an agent or
15		intermediary for any person not covered by this
16		paragraph;
17	(4)	Political campaign contributions that comply with
18		state law;
19	(5)	Anything available to or distributed to the public
20		generally without regard to the official status of the
21		recipient;



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1	(6)	Gifts that, within thirty days after receipt, are
2		returned to the giver or delivered to a public body or
3		to a bona fide educational or charitable organization
4		without the donation being claimed as a charitable
5		contribution for tax purposes; and
6	(7)	Exchanges of approximately equal value on holidays,
7		birthday, or special occasions.
8	(e)	Failure of a legislator or employee to file a gifts
9	disclosure	e statement as required by this section shall be a
10	violation	of this chapter.
11	(f)	This section shall not affect the applicability of
12	section 84	l-11.
13	(g)	The state ethics commission shall provide a method for
14	filing gif	t disclosure statements. The commission may require
15	that gift	disclosure statements be filed electronically.
16	[(g)]	(h) For purposes of this section, "legislator or
17	employee"	includes any individual who was a legislator or
18	employee f	for any portion of the period from June 1 of the
19	preceding	calendar year through [May 31] June 30 of the year of
20	the report	

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15		may be affected by official action or lack of action								
16		by the legislator or employee; and								
17	(3)	The gift is not exempted by subsection (d) from								
18		reporting requirements under this subsection.								
19	(b)	The report shall cover the period from $[\frac{June - 1}{July - 1}]$								
20	of the pr	eceding calendar year through [May 31] <u>June 30</u> of the								
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7	•	organization from whom, or on behalf of whom, the gift								
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9		without the donation being claimed as a charitable
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11	(7)	Exchanges of approximately equal value on holidays,
12		birthday, or special occasions.
13	(e)	Failure of a legislator or employee to file a gifts
14	disclosure	e statement as required by this section shall be a
15	violation	of this chapter.
16	(f)	This section shall not affect the applicability of
17	section 8	4-11.
18	(g)	The state ethics commission shall provide a method for
19	filing gi:	ft disclosure statements. The commission may require
20	that gift	disclosure statements be filed electronically.



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3	employee for any portion of the period from [June 1] July 1 of										
4	the preceding calendar year through [May 31] <u>June 30</u> of the year										
5	of the report."										
6	PART IV										
7	SECTION 4. Section 97-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is										
8	amended to read as follows:										
9	"§97-4 Manner of filing; public records. All statements										
10	required by this chapter to be filed with the state ethics										
11	commission:										
12	(1) Shall be [deemed-properly filed when delivered or										
13	deposited in an established post office within the										
14	prescribed time; duly stamped, registered, or										
15	certified; and directed to] filed electronically with										
16	the state ethics commission[; provided that in the										
17	event it is not received, a duplicate of the statement										
18	shall be promptly filed upon notice by the state										
19	ethics commission of its nonreceipt; and] using an										
20	electronic filing system, or any other forms and										
21	methods established by the state ethics commission;										

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1	(2)	Shall be maintained by the state ethics commission for							
2		a period of no less than six years from the date of							
3		filing; and shall constitute part of the public							
4		records of the state ethics commission $[-]$; and							
5	(3)	Shall be posted on the state ethics commission's							
6		website within a reasonable time after filing and may							
7		be removed from the website after six years."							
8	SECT	ION 5. Section 97-4.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is							
9	repealed.								
10	["§97-4.5 Lobbyist list. All lobbyist registration								
11	statement	s shall be posted on the state ethics commission's							
12	website w	ithin a reasonable time after filing, and may be							
13	removed f:	rom the website after four years."]							
14		PART V							
15	SECT	ION 6. This Act does not affect rights and duties that							
16	matured, p	penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were							
17	begun befo	ore its effective date.							
18	SECT	ION 7. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed							
19	and stric	ken. New statutory material is underscored.							
20	SECT	ION 8. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000;							
21	provided t	chat:							



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1	(1)	Part	II	shall	take	effect	on	July	1,	2024;	and
2	(2)	Part	III	shall	. take	e effect	: on	July	, 1,	, 2025	



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Report Title:

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Ethics Commission Package; State Ethics Code Reporting Period; Fiscal Year Reporting Period; Electronic Filing

Description:

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Establishes a phased process for adjusting the reporting period for gift disclosures filed with the State Ethics Commission to conform with the fiscal year. Provides for electronic filing of documents required by the State Ethics Commission. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

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