

JAN 19 2024

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LEGISLATORS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 84, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
2 by adding a new section to part II to be appropriately
3 designated and to read as follows:

4 "§84- Legislators; state equipment; community
5 initiatives. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this
6 chapter or any other law to the contrary, but subject to
7 subsections (b) and (c), a legislator may use state-owned or
8 state-operated equipment, including vehicles, computers, and
9 machines, for any bona fide community initiative.

10 (b) Any legislator who purports to use state-owned or
11 state-operated equipment for a bona fide community initiative
12 pursuant to subsection (a), but who actually uses the equipment
13 for any other purpose, shall be subject to the provisions of
14 this chapter, to the extent applicable.

15 (c) For the purposes of this section:

16 "Bona fide community initiative" means any activity that:

17 (1) Is conducted within the legislator's district;



- 1 (2) Responds to community needs, promotes civic
- 2 engagement, or fosters stronger connections among
- 3 community members; and
- 4 (3) Is conducted by an entity that is not:
- 5 (A) A for-profit business entity;
- 6 (B) Managed or controlled by the legislator; or
- 7 (C) An employer of the legislator.

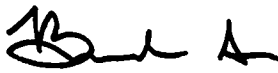
8 "Legislator" means any state senator or state
 9 representative who uses or attempts to use state-owned or
 10 state-operated equipment pursuant to this section."

11 SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
 12 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
 13 begun before its effective date.

14 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

15 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.

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INTRODUCED BY: 



S.B. NO. 2623

Report Title:

Ethics; Legislators; State Equipment; Community Initiatives

Description:

Authorizes state legislators to use state-owned or state-operated equipment for bona fide community initiatives within their respective districts.

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