



HAWAI'I STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

State of Hawai'i · Bishop Square, 1001 Bishop Street, ASB Tower 970 · Honolulu, Hawai'i

Committee: House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs
Bill Number: HB 1884
Hearing Date/Time: February 21, 2024, 2:00 p.m.
Re: Testimony of the Hawai'i State Ethics Commission in **SUPPORT** of
HB 1884, Requiring Disclosure of Financial Relationships with
Lobbying Organizations

Aloha Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Takayama, and Committee Members:

The Hawai'i State Ethics Commission ("Commission") **supports** HB 1884, which clarifies that legislators should disclose significant financial relationships with lobbying organizations. This bill arose out of the House's leadership in establishing the Commission to Improve Standards of Conduct last year.

The proposed bill enhances transparency regarding potential conflicts of interest. Under this measure, if a legislator receives \$5,000 or more in value from a lobbying organization (and not just from a lobbyist), such information would be public. Such disclosure is crucial for identifying potential conflicts of interest, fostering transparency, and bolstering public confidence in the integrity of legislators.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony on HB 1884.

Very truly yours,

/S/ Robert D. Harris

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Testimony for JHA on 2/21/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
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Comments:

They should also disclose who is giving them money to run!!!!!!