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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE ETHICS COMMISSION OF EACH COUNTY TO ADOPT STANDARDS  
SIMILAR TO THAT APPLICABLE TO STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS AND  
OFFICERS AS ADOPTED AND ENFORCED BY THE STATE ETHICS  
COMMISSION.

1           WHEREAS, the primary purpose of governmental ethics laws is  
2 to improve honesty and integrity in government; and

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4           WHEREAS, public service is a public trust and those  
5 entrusted with the power of office must first and foremost  
6 commit steadfastly to upholding the rule of law and must never  
7 presume that they are above its letter and spirit; and

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9           WHEREAS, the perception of integrity in government is no  
10 less important than the reality of integrity in government, as  
11 regardless of how honest public officials are in fact, a  
12 democratic system of government cannot function properly if the  
13 public believes its officials are corrupt; and

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15           WHEREAS, further efforts are necessary for elected  
16 officials and officers to restore trust in county governments;  
17 now, therefore,

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19           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
20 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
21 of 2025, the Senate concurring, that the ethics commission of  
22 each county are urged to adopt standards similar to that  
23 applicable to state elected officials and officers as adopted  
24 and enforced by the State Ethics Commission; and

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26           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
27 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the mayor of each  
28 county, chairperson of each county council, and chairperson of  
29 the ethics commission of each county.



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