
HOUSE 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, that the ethics commission of each county are urged to
22 adopt standards similar to that applicable to state elected
23 officials and officers as adopted and enforced by the State
24 Ethics Commission; and

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

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