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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO STANDARDS OF CONDUCT.

**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 I to be appropriately designated  
3 and to read as follows:

4        "§84- Contracts; directors; deputy directors. (a) A  
5 state agency shall not enter into a contract to procure or  
6 dispose of goods or services, or for construction, with any  
7 business:

8        (1) That is owned or operated; or  
9        (2) In which a controlling interest is held,  
10 by a relative or household member of a director or deputy  
11 director of a principal state department.

12        (b) As used in this section:

13        "Household member" means an individual who resides in the  
14 same dwelling unit as the director or deputy director.

15        "Principal state department" means a principal department  
16 of the executive branch listed in section 26-4.



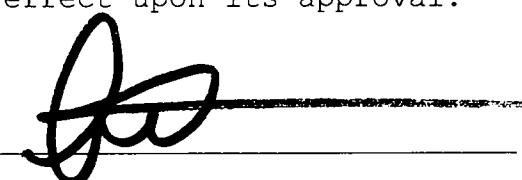
1        "Relative" means a director's or deputy director's parent,  
2        grandparent, stepparent, child, grandchild, stepchild, foster  
3        child, adopted child, sibling, half-sibling, stepsibling,  
4        parent's sibling, first cousin, sibling's child, spouse,  
5        spouse's parent, child-in-law, or sibling-in-law, or any  
6        individual who has become a member of the director's or deputy  
7        director's immediate family through the Hawaiian hanai custom."

8            SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that  
9        matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were  
10        begun before its effective date.

11           SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

12           SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: 



# S.B. NO. 2970

**Report Title:**

Ethics; Relatives and Household Members of Directors and Deputy Directors; Contracts; Disqualification

**Description:**

Prohibits a state agency from entering into any contract to procure or dispose of goods or services, or for construction, with any business that is owned or operated, or in which a controlling interest is held, by a relative or household member of a director or deputy director of a principal state department.

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