STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1817-26

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 08, 2026

RE: S.B. No. 2245
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 2245, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO REVOLVING DOOR RESTRICTIONS FOR STATE EMPLOYEES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

(1) Prohibit new state employees from taking official action on matters they previously worked on during private sector employment; and

(2) Extend existing post-employment lobbying restrictions to include permanent employees of the Offices of the Governor and the Lieutenant Governor.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i State Ethics Commission and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the legitimacy of state government is grounded in the expectation that public servants exercise independent judgment untainted by prior private-sector relationships. Gaps in existing ethics laws may give rise to concerns that official actions are influenced by former employment interests, whether or not such influence actually exists. This

measure promotes ethical decision-making, safeguards governmental integrity, and helps maintain the public's trust in state institutions.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2245, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary &
Hawaiian Affairs,
Hawaiian Affairs,

DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair

State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Thirty-third Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.:	Committee Referral:	Date:
SB2245 HD1	LAB, JHA	3/31/2026

☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.

The recommendation is to: ☒ Pass, unamended (as is) ☐ Pass, with amendments (HD) ☐ Hold
☐ Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)

JHA Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TARNAS, David A. (C)	✓			
2. POEPOE, Mahina (VC)	✓			
3. BELATTI, Della Au				✓
4. COCHRAN, Elle	✓			
5. HASHEM, Mark J.	✓			
6. KAHALOA, Kirstin	✓			
7. SAYAMA, Jackson D.				✓
8. TAKAYAMA, Gregg	✓			
9. GARCIA, Diamond	✓			
10. SHIMIZU, Garner M.	✓			
TOTAL (10)	8	0	0	2

The recommendation is: ☒ Adopted ☐ Not Adopted
If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation.
committee acronym(s)

Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____

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