
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 PART I

2 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the State's existing
3 campaign finance law prohibiting organizations that receive
4 state and county contracts from making campaign contributions
5 does not extend to the compensated officers of the organizations
6 or their immediate family members.

7 The legislature also finds that campaign contribution
8 prohibitions do not currently apply to organizations that
9 receive grants from the State or counties. These grantees
10 receive public funds appropriated by a legislative body, similar
11 to state or county contractors.

12 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to reduce the
13 potential for campaign contributions to unduly influence
14 policymaking, maintain public trust in government decision-
15 making, and improve actual and perceived standards of conduct
16 by:



(1) Prohibiting compensated officers of state or county contractors, and their immediate family members, for the duration of their contracts exceeding \$250,000, from:

(A) Making contributions to the candidate committee of a candidate who is a member of, or seeking election to, the same branch of the state or county government that exercises authority over the awarding or administration of the contract; or

(B) Soliciting any contribution from any person for any purpose; and

(2) Expanding the prohibition on campaign contributions by state or county contractors to include contributions from state or county grantees that receive grants exceeding \$250,000, as well as from the compensated officers of those grantees and the compensated officers' immediate family members.

PART II



1 SECTION 2. Chapter 27, 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 "§27- Disclosure of compensated officers and immediate
5 family members for state contracts. (a) At the time of the
6 execution of a state contract exceeding \$250,000, as described
7 in section 11-355, the contracting state agency shall require
8 the contractor to provide a list of the names of all compensated
9 officers of the contractor and the immediate family members of
10 each officer.

11 (b) The contracting state agency shall make the reported
12 information available electronically to the campaign spending
13 commission for purposes of section 11-355.

14 (c) For purposes of this section, "immediate family
15 member" and "officer" have the same meaning as those terms are
16 defined in section 11-355."

17 SECTION 3. Chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
18 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
19 and to read as follows:

20 "§42F- Disclosure of compensated officers and immediate
21 family members for state grants. (a) At the time of the



1 execution of a contract for a state grant exceeding \$250,000,
2 the expending agency executing the contract shall require the
3 recipient to provide a list of the names of all compensated
4 officers of the recipient and the immediate family members of
5 each officer.

6 (b) The expending agency shall make the reported
7 information available electronically to the campaign spending
8 commission for purposes of section 11-355.

9 (c) For purposes of this section, "immediate family
10 member" and "officer" have the same meaning as those terms are
11 defined in section 11-355."

12 SECTION 4. Chapter 46, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
13 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to
14 read as follows:

15 "§46- Disclosure of compensated officers and immediate
16 family members for county contracts and grants. (a) At the
17 time of the execution of a county contract or grant exceeding
18 \$250,000, as described in section 11-355, pursuant to the county
19 charter or code, the contracting or expending county agency
20 shall require the contractor or grant recipient to provide a
21 list of the names of all compensated officers of the contractor



1 or grant recipient and the immediate family members of each
2 officer.

3 (b) The contracting or expending county agency shall make
4 the reported information available electronically to the
5 campaign spending commission for purposes of section 11-355.

6 (c) For purposes of this section, "immediate family
7 member" and "officer" have the same meaning as those terms are
8 defined in section 11-355."

9 SECTION 5. Chapter 103D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
10 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
11 and to read as follows:

12 **"§103D- Disclosure of compensated officers and**
13 **immediate family members for state or county contracts.** (a) At
14 the time of the execution of a state or county contract
15 exceeding \$250,000, as described in section 11-355, the
16 purchasing agency shall require the contractor to provide a list
17 of the names of all compensated officers of the contractor and
18 the immediate family members of each officer.

19 (b) The purchasing agency shall make the reported
20 information available electronically to the campaign spending
21 commission for purposes of section 11-355.



1 (c) For purposes of this section, "immediate family
2 member" and "officer" have the same meaning as those terms are
3 defined in section 11-355."

4 SECTION 6. Chapter 103F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
5 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
6 and to read as follows:

7 "§103F- Disclosure of compensated officers and
8 immediate family members for state or county contracts. (a) At
9 the time of the execution of a state contract, or county
10 contract entered into pursuant to this chapter, exceeding
11 \$250,000, as described in section 11-355, the purchasing agency
12 shall require the provider to provide a list of the names of all
13 compensated officers of the provider and the immediate family
14 members of each officer.

15 (b) The purchasing agency shall make the reported
16 information available electronically to the campaign spending
17 commission for purposes of section 11-355.

18 (c) For purposes of this section, "immediate family
19 member" and "officer" have the same meaning as those terms are
20 defined in section 11-355."



SECTION 7. Section 11-355, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"[+]§11-355[+] Contributions by state [and] or county contractors and state or county grantees; prohibited. (a) It shall be unlawful for any person who enters into any contract with the State, any of the counties, or any department or agency thereof either for the rendition of personal services, the buying of property, or furnishing of any material, supplies, or equipment to the State, any of the counties, or any department or agency thereof, or for selling any land or building to the State, any of the counties, or any department or agency thereof, if payment for the performance of the contract or payment for material, supplies, equipment, land, property, or building is to be made in whole or in part from funds appropriated by the legislative body, at any time between the execution of the contract through the completion of the contract, to:

- (1) Directly or indirectly make any contribution, or promise expressly or impliedly to make any contribution, to any candidate committee or noncandidate committee, or to any candidate or to any person for any political purpose or use; or



1 (2) Knowingly solicit any contribution from any person for
2 any purpose during any period.

3 (b) It shall be unlawful for any compensated officer of a
4 state or county contractor under subsection (a), or the
5 immediate family members of the compensated officer, that is
6 awarded a state or county contract exceeding \$250,000, at any
7 time between the execution of the contract through the
8 completion of the contract pursuant to subsection (a), to:

9 (1) Directly or indirectly make any contribution, or
10 promise expressly or impliedly to make any
11 contribution, to the candidate committee of a
12 candidate who is a member of, or seeking election to,
13 the same branch of the state or county government that
14 exercises authority over the awarding or
15 administration of that specific contract; or

16 (2) Knowingly solicit any contribution from any person for
17 any purpose during any period.

18 (c) It shall be unlawful for any person that receives a
19 grant exceeding \$250,000, or any compensated officer of a state
20 or county grantee that receives a grant exceeding \$250,000, or
21 the immediate family members of the compensated officer of a



1 state or county grantee that receives a grant exceeding
2 \$250,000, from the State pursuant to chapter 42F or from a
3 county pursuant to a county charter or code, at any time between
4 the execution of the contract through the completion of the
5 contract for the grant, to:

6 (1) Directly or indirectly make any contribution, or
7 promise expressly or impliedly to make any
8 contribution, to any candidate committee or
9 noncandidate committee, or to any candidate or to any
10 person for any political purpose or use; or

11 (2) Knowingly solicit any contribution from any person for
12 any purpose during any period.

13 (d) Any candidate, candidate committee, or noncandidate
14 committee that receives a contribution made unlawful by this
15 section shall return the unlawful contribution to the
16 contributor within thirty calendar days of receipt. If any
17 unlawful contribution is not returned to the contributor within
18 thirty calendar days of receipt, the unlawful contribution shall
19 escheat to the Hawaii election campaign fund.

20 ~~[(b)]~~ (e) ~~[Except as provided in subsection (a), this]~~

21 This section [does] shall not prohibit or make unlawful the



1 establishment or administration of, or the solicitation of
2 contributions to, any noncandidate committee by any person
3 ~~[other than the state or county contractor]~~ for the purpose of
4 influencing the ~~[nomination for election, or the election of any~~
5 ~~person to office.]~~ outcome of a question or issue on a ballot.

6 (f) After receipt of the information submitted by a state
7 or county agency pursuant to sections 27- , 42F- , 46- ,
8 103D- , and 103F- , the commission shall make the
9 information available to candidate committees and noncandidate
10 committees on a password-protected section of the commission's
11 website.

12 ~~[(e)]~~ (g) For purposes of this section~~[, "completion"]~~:

13 "Completion of the contract" means that the parties to the
14 government contract have either terminated the contract ~~[prior~~
15 ~~to]~~ before completion of performance or fully performed the
16 duties and obligations under the contract, no disputes relating
17 to the performance and payment remain under the contract, and
18 all disputed claims have been adjudicated and are final.

19 "Immediate family member" means, notwithstanding section
20 11-302, the person's spouse or reciprocal beneficiary, as
21 defined in section 572C-3, and any dependent children.



1 "Officer" means an individual who is listed as an officer
2 on the department of commerce and consumer affairs business
3 registration database."

4 PART III

5 SECTION 8. Section 11-364, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
6 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

7 "(a) Any candidate, candidate committee, or noncandidate
8 committee that receives in the aggregate more than the
9 applicable contribution limit in section 11-357, 11-358, 11-359,
10 or 11-360 shall return any excess contribution to the
11 contributor within thirty calendar days of receipt of the excess
12 contribution. Any candidate, candidate committee, or
13 noncandidate committee that receives in the aggregate more than
14 the applicable contribution limit in section 11-362 shall return
15 any excess contribution to the contributor within thirty
16 calendar days of the end of the election period; provided that
17 the candidate, candidate committee, or noncandidate committee
18 may choose which contributions to return. Any excess
19 contribution not returned to the contributor within thirty
20 calendar days shall escheat to the Hawaii election campaign
21 fund."



1 PART IV

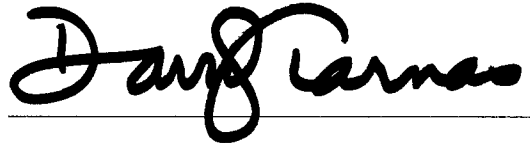
2 SECTION 9. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
3 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
4 begun before its effective date.

5 SECTION 10. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
6 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

7 SECTION 11. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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H.B. NO. 1519

Report Title:

CSC; State or County Contractors; State or County Grantees;
Officers; Immediate Family Members; Prohibited Contributions

Description:

Requires disclosure of the names of compensated officers, and their immediate family members, of state or county contractors and grantees with contracts or grants exceeding \$250,000. . Prohibits the compensated officers of state or county contractors, and their immediate family members, from making or soliciting certain campaign contributions for the duration of the contract exceeding \$250,000. Prohibits state or county grantees, including compensated officers and their immediate family members, from making or soliciting certain contributions for the duration of the grant exceeding \$250,000. Requires unlawful contributions to be returned to the contributor or escheat to the Hawaii Election Campaign Fund.

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