



HAWAI'I STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

Komikina Ho'opono Kulekele o Hawai'i Moku'āina

Committee: House Committee on Labor
Bill Number: SB 2246 SD1
Hearing Date/Time: March 19, 2026, 9:35 a.m.
Re: Testimony in Support

Aloha Chair Sayama, Vice-Chair Lee, and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 2246 SD1, which strengthens public trust in government by expanding public financial disclosure requirements to members of boards and commissions that exercise substantial financial authority, as well as to certain executive directors and executive officers whose roles involve significant responsibility over the expenditure, investment, or management of public funds.

Public financial disclosure is a cornerstone of transparent and accountable government. Existing law appropriately requires disclosure for officials who exercise significant regulatory authority, fiduciary responsibility, or oversight of substantial public resources. This measure builds on this framework by ensuring that similarly situated decision-makers -- particularly those serving on boards and commissions with substantial financial authority or in senior executive roles -- are subject to consistent disclosure requirements.

By expanding the scope of individuals covered by disclosure laws, this measure promotes uniform ethical standards, enhances public confidence in governmental decision-making, and helps safeguard against real or perceived conflicts of interest.

For these reasons, the Hawai'i State Ethics Commission respectfully urges the Committee to pass SB 2246 SD1.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Very truly yours,

/S/ Robert D. Harris

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Comments:

Greetings Committee Members,

I support SB2246. Boards, commissions and executive leaders who oversee significant public funds should be subject to clear and consistent financial disclosure requirements. Transparency helps prevent conflicts of interest and strengthens public trust in government, which we desperately need now!

Mahalo for your attention.

Marcia Kemble

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