

ACT 29

H.B. NO. 1673

A Bill for an Act Relating to the State Ethics Code.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:*

SECTION 1. Section 84-13, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended as follows:

1. By amending subsection (b) to read:

“(b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a legislator from introducing bills and resolutions, from serving on a committee, or from making statements or taking official action as a legislator. Every legislator shall publicly disclose the nature and extent of the interest or transaction that the legislator believes may be affected by the legislator’s official action[;] in accordance with section 84-17 and the rules of each house of the legislature.”

2. By amending subsection (d) to read:

“(d) The state ethics commission shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91 to effectuate the purposes of this section[;], except that each house of the

legislature shall adopt rules regarding the disclosure of the nature and extent of any interest or transaction that the legislator believes may be affected by the legislator's official action. Rules adopted by the state ethics commission shall apply only until such time that each house of the legislature adopts its own rules. Upon the passage of rules pursuant to this section by either house of the legislature, the rules adopted by the state ethics commission shall be preempted by the rules of each respective house of the legislature."

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

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

(Approved September 15, 2020.)