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COMMISSION ELECTS 1998 OFFICERS

The State Ethics Commission has elected Leolani Abdul as chairperson for 1998. The Commission also has elected Leslie Baker as vice chairperson for 1998.

The current members of the Commission are:

Leolani Abdul, Chairperson
Leslie Baker, Vice Chairperson
Kirk Cashmere
Bernice Pantell
Carl Sakata

LIST OF REGISTERED LOBBYISTS FOR 1998 LEGISLATIVE SESSION AVAILABLE

The State Ethics Commission has published a list of all registered lobbyists and the organizations that they represent before the 1998 Legislature. The list will be sent to all legislators and interested persons and is available to the public.

FILING DEADLINES FOR LOBBYING EXPENDITURES STATEMENTS

Lobbying expenditures statements are due on the following dates this year:

February 2, 1998 Covering the period from May 1, 1997 through December 31, 1997

March 31, 1998 Covering the period from January 1, 1998 through February 28, 1998

June 1, 1998

Covering the period from March 1, 1998 through April 30, 1998

The following persons must file expenditures statements with the State Ethics Commission: (1) Lobbyists; (2) Persons who spend \$750 or more (excluding travel costs) in any six-month period lobbying; and (3) Persons who employ or contract for the services of a lobbyist.

FILING DEADLINE FOR FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS

The State Ethics Commission recently mailed disclosure forms to over 1,600 state legislators, department heads, board and commission members, and other state officials and employees who are required each year to file financial disclosure statements. The disclosure statements include information about sources and amounts of income, ownership interests in businesses and real property, officerships and directorships, clients represented before state agencies, and other financial interests.

HRS section 84-17 requires filers to complete a long form disclosure on all even-numbered years. Long forms were mailed to filers at the beginning of January. The completed forms are due on June 1, 1998. Persons who do not file their financial disclosure statements on time will be assessed a monetary fine and may be subject to other action by the Commission. Last year the Commission assessed fines against approximately 30 individuals who failed to file their disclosure statements when due.

1998 ETHICS WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Ethics workshops for 1998 have been scheduled on Oahu and the neighbor islands. The workshops will be conducted by a State Ethics Commission staff attorney and will cover the major provisions of the State Ethics Code. Topics will include gifts to state employees, the misuse of state office and state resources, and conflicts of interests. Dates and locations for ethics workshops are as follows:

Oahu Workshops (State Office Tower)

February 27	July 24
March 20	August 14
April 17	September 25
May 22	October 23
June 19	November 13

Neighbor Island Workshops

Big Island

Hilo (Hilo Airport)	February 10 July 7
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Kona (Keahole Airport)	May 5 November 5
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Kauai (4398A Pualoke St.)	April 14 October 1
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Maui (Maui Memorial Hospital)	March 3 August 18
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Molokai (65 Makaena St.)	June 16
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All workshops run from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. The workshops are open to all state officials and employees. There is no registration fee but seating is limited. To register for an ethics workshop, contact your department personnel office.

CAMPAIGN ETHICS GUIDELINES

As another election year dawns, candidates and their supporters are preparing

for a busy campaign season. State officials and employees are reminded that the State Ethics Code prohibits the use of state time, equipment, or facilities for campaign activities or campaign purposes. Examples of prohibited activities include:

1. Selling fundraiser tickets, soliciting campaign assistance, or performing other campaign activities during state time. State time means the time during which a state official or employee is supposed to be performing his or her state duties. State time does not include lunch time, break time, or vacation time.
2. Using state equipment (copy machines, fax machines, telephones, computers, vehicles, etc.) or state supplies (stationery, postage, or other office supplies) for campaign activities.
3. Selling fundraiser tickets, soliciting campaign assistance, or performing other campaign activities at one's state office. State premises or facilities that are available to the public for use (e.g., for holding meetings or conducting business) may also be used for political activities on the same basis as the facilities are available to the public.
4. Using state personnel during state time to perform campaign activities.

If you have questions or want further information about campaign ethics guidelines, contact the State Ethics Commission at 587-0460.

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