



# HAWAII STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

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## NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE HAWAII STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

Date: Thursday, January 22, 2015  
Time: 10:00 a.m.  
Place: Hawaii State Ethics Commission Conference Room  
American Savings Bank Tower  
1001 Bishop Street, Suite 960  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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OFFICE

## AGENDA

### CALL TO ORDER

- I. Minutes: Consideration and Approval of the Minutes of the December 17, 2014, Meeting
- II. Executive Session Minutes: Consideration and Approval of the Minutes of the December 17, 2014, Executive Sessions

The Hawaii State Ethics Commission may convene an executive session pursuant to Haw. Rev. Stat. section 92-5(a)(4) to consult with the Commission's attorneys on questions and issues pertaining to the Commission's powers, duties, privileges, immunities and liabilities.

- III. Executive Director's Report
  1. Education/Training
  2. Office of Information Practice's Sunshine Law Reminder Regarding Approving Legislative Testimony
- IV. 2015 Legislative Session

Discussion of Hawaii State Ethics Commission Proposed Budget Request for FY 2015-2016 and Proposed Legislation, including:

1. Bill to Amend the Exemption for Legislators from HRS Section 84-13 and to Clarify That Task Force Members Must File Public Financial Disclosure Statements;
2. Bill to Amend Exemptions for Task Force Members from Certain Provisions of the State Ethics Code and to Clarify that Task Force Members Must File Public Financial Disclosure Statements;

3. Bill to Add a Provision on Nepotism to the State Ethics Code;
4. Bill to Expand the Conflicts-of-Interests Section of the State Ethics Code;
5. Bill to Allow the State Ethics Commission to Extend the Period of Time in which Advisory Opinions Must be Issued;
6. Bill to Require Mandatory Ethics Training for Employees Who Must File Public Financial Disclosure Statements;
7. Bill to Remove the Requirement that Violations of the Lobbyists Law Must be "Willful" Before Penalties May be Assessed;
8. Bill to Amend the Definition of Lobbying "Expenditures" and the Reporting Requirement for Expenditures; and
9. Bill to Clarify the Reporting Requirement for Special Session Lobbying Activities.

V. Discussion of Staff Guidance to State Board Member Regarding Application of Hawaii Revised Statutes Section 84-14(a) (Conflicts of Interests)

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VI. Peer News LLC, dba Civil Beat, vs. State Ethics Commission; Civil No. 14-1-2022-09 RAN; Motion for Preliminary Injunction

Discussion regarding status of lawsuit.

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VII. Executive Director's Job Performance

Discussion and consideration of the Executive Director's job performance.

The Hawaii State Ethics Commission may convene an executive session pursuant to Haw. Rev. Stat. section 92-5(a)(2) to consider personnel matters affecting the Executive Director's privacy interest.

VIII. Adjournment

If you require an accommodation because of a disability, please contact the Hawaii State Ethics Commission by telephone at (808) 587-0460, by facsimile at (808) 587-0470 (fax), or via email at [ethics@hawaiiethics.org](mailto:ethics@hawaiiethics.org).