



HAWAII STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

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Committee: Committee on Judiciary
Bill Number: H.B. 512, Relating to Ethics
Hearing Date/Time: February 9, 2017, 2:00 p.m.
Re: Testimony of the Hawaii State Ethics Commission in **SUPPORT**

Dear Chair Nishimoto and Committee Members:

The Hawaii State Ethics Commission (“Commission”) supports H.B. 512, a housekeeping measure regarding Hawaii Revised Statutes (“HRS”) § 28-8.3.

This section amends HRS § 28-8.3 to make clear that the Commission can hire attorneys. Currently, HRS § 28-8.3 prohibits any state agency from hiring attorneys, except for the agencies listed in that statute; the Commission’s omission from this list appears to have been an oversight. This section also makes clear that the Commission’s attorneys, like those in most other legislative and executive agencies, are not considered Deputy Attorneys General.

Thank you for your continuing support of the Commission’s work and for considering the Commission’s testimony on H.B. 512.

Very truly yours,

Daniel Gluck
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