



A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE

RELATING TO CONSULTANT CONTRACTS.

SECTION 1. The purpose of this ordinance is to prohibit consultants contracted by the city from conducting lobbying activities.

SECTION 2. Chapter 2, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990, as amended ("Executive Agencies—Additional Powers, Duties and Functions"), is amended by adding a new article to be designated by the revisor of ordinances and to read as follows:

"Article __. Restrictions Relating to Consultant Contracts

Sec. 2-__1 Definitions.

For purposes of this article:

"Consultant contract" means any agreement with the city under which the primary purpose is to obtain the services of an individual or firm with specialized knowledge, skills, or expertise.

"Legislative action" means the sponsorship, drafting, introduction, consideration, modification, support of, or opposition to, any bill, resolution, amendment, report, nomination, appointment, or any other matter pending or proposed in the city council by any member of the council.

"Lobbying activities" means communicating directly or through an agent, or soliciting others to communicate, with any member or members of the city council for the purpose of attempting to influence legislative action.

Sec. 2-__2 Lobbying by consultants—When prohibited.

- (a) Any firm or individual that enters into a consultant contract shall be prohibited from conducting lobbying activities for the duration of the contract.
- (b) No contract shall be executed and no funds shall be expended by the city for any consultant service in violation of this prohibition.



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Sec. 2-__3 Exemptions.

The following shall be exempt from the prohibition of Section 2-__.2:

- (1) Any communication submitted in response to an inquiry of any member of the city council; and
- (2) The dissemination of objective, factual information to the public.

Sec. 2-__.4 Penalty.

Any person who willfully violates any provision of this article shall be guilty of a misdemeanor."



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SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval and apply to contracts awarded by the city subsequent to its effective date.

INTRODUCED BY:
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DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

APR 10 2008

Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Deputy Corporation Counsel

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 20____.

MUFU HANNEMANN, Mayor
City and County of Honolulu

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