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**Proposal Submittal Information**

**Providing responses to these items will help the Commission's deliberations, especially when additional information or research is required. Please be aware that these documents will be part of the public record and may be available to the public.**

**Name:**

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**Charter Amendment Proposal Form**

**1. Please provide a brief description of: The Proposed Charter amendment, the purpose of the proposed Charter amendment, the issue or problem to be addressed by the proposal, and how the proposal would address the issue or problem.:**

Create an Office of Inspector General to replace the current Honolulu Ethics Commission.

The purpose is to have a more independent agency to be a watchdog on behalf of the residents and taxpayers of Honolulu and to hold county representatives, officials and employees accountable. The office would take on responsibilities of the current ethics commission.

The ethics commission has investigated both the mayor and councilmembers, which puts the commission in the precarious position of having to rely on the very people they are investigating to provide resources (funds and approvals) for its existence. The commission has been hampered by corporation counsel. For example, a recent request for a piece of equipment costing less than \$700 was not approved, which resulted in (if I recall correctly) a halt to the investigation.

The IG would not be under the control or administrative authority of the corporation counsel and therefore, counsel would not be able to interfere with investigations and activities as currently happens with the commission.

**2. If applicable, list the Charter provision(s) affected by the proposal::**

Sec. 11-107, Ethics Commission.

**3. If the proposal is based on a provision or provisions in the charter or laws of another jurisdiction (e.g., another county, city, or municipality), name the jurisdiction and, if possible, attach a copy of each provision or law.:**

Broward Office of the Inspector General - <http://www.broward.org/InspectorGeneral/AboutUs/>

Cuyahoga County Inspector General - <http://code.cuyahogacounty.us/en-US/CCRC-T4C409.aspx>

Montgomery County Maryland Office of the Inspector General - [http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/OIG/Mont\\_Co\\_Code\\_Sec\\_2-151.html](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/OIG/Mont_Co_Code_Sec_2-151.html)

Other examples of places where they have IGs are listed on this website: <http://inspectorsgeneral.org/useful-links/directory-of-state-and-local-government-oversight-agencies/>

**Relevant Provision:**

N/A

**4. If the proposal is based on any written materials you have, please attach a copy of each with a citation to its source.:**

N/A

**5. Attach the text of the proposed Charter amendment in Ramseyer format (see instructions below).:**

N/A

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**Ramseyer format:**

- **AMENDING AN EXISTING CHARTER PROVISION:** Indicate by underscoring, any language being proposed to be added to the Charter and indicate by [bracketing], any language being proposed to be deleted from the Charter.
- **REPLACING AN EXISTING CHARTER PROVISION:** [Bracket] the article, chapter, or section of the Charter proposed to be deleted, and underscore the text of any provision proposed to replace the deleted material.
- **ADDING A NEW CHARTER PROVISION:** Provide the text of the new provision and, if possible, indicate where in the Charter the new material should be added.

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**All proposals must be submitted by October 31, 2015.**