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Proposal Submittal Information

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League of Women Voters of Honolulu

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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.:**

Article XIV of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii provides in pertinent part: "Ethics commissioners shall be selected in a manner which assures their independence and impartiality." Each member of the state ethics commission is appointed by the governor from a list of two persons nominated by the judicial council. The Hawaii Supreme Court appoints members of the judicial council, which does not include legislators. In contrast, members of the Honolulu Ethics Commission are appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the Honolulu City Council, both of which are subject to oversight by the county ethics commission. The purpose and intent of this charter amendment is to enact standards for the selection of the county ethics commissioners to ensure their impartiality and independence.

To support the independence of the ethics commission and their charter purpose, the proposal clarifies that the ethics Commission is the body authorized to administer all provisions of the ethics code, as expressed in the Revised Charter of Honolulu and the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu.

The proposal further seeks to clarify the authority of the executive director of the ethics commission and proposes that the Commission be located within the office of the city auditor. The proposed authority for the executive director is modeled in part after that of the city auditor.

The charter amendment shall take effect upon adoption of charter by voters and adoption of any related county ordinance. If an ordinance is required to implement the charter amendment, County Council shall pass an ordinance within 1 year of ratification of charter amendment.

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

Section 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.:

The selection of Commissioners as proposed is modeled in part on the ethics ordinances of Atlanta, Georgia, Section 2-804, City of Atlanta, Code of Ethics, of which a copy is attached.

Relevant Provision:
[DIVISION_2_COA_code_standards_of_conduct_2015.pdf](#)
http://honoluluchartercommission.org/images/jsnuniform/uploads/2/201510311958st26_4920116449128_division_2__coa_code_standards_of_conduct_2015.pdf
4. If the proposal is based on any written materials you have, please attach a copy of each with a citation to its source.:

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

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