

OPINION NO. 31

A construction and maintenance supervisor at a facility of the state Department of Transportation supervises all general and specialized maintenance of buildings and equipment at the facility. He also owns a part-time business, an electrical service, which does not do any business with the State or with the facility. He stated that his official duties at the facility do not affect his electrical business in any way. We assume that he does not use state time or state equipment in his private business. He has requested an opinion as to whether this situation violates the state ethics code, chapter 84, HRS.

In these circumstances, the possession of this outside interest does not violate the ethics code. Because, according to his statement, his official action does not affect his private interest in any way, there is no problem of a section 14 violation; and he has complied with section 18 by filing a disclosure of the interest.

This employee's interest in doing his part to maintain high standards of ethical conduct in state government is to be commended.

Dated: Honolulu, Hawaii, June 10, 1969.

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