

OPINION NO. 69

An employee inquired whether he should disqualify himself from any matter involving a local corporation. The employee's spouse is employed by said corporation and owns shares of said corporation in excess of \$9,000.

The Commission was unable to render an opinion within 30 days for lack of a quorum. It now revokes the decision "deemed rendered" due to the lapse of 30 days pursuant to HRS, §84-31(a)(2).

The state ethics law regards the spouse's employment and security interest in the company as an interest of the employee. [HRS, §84-3(6).] Under the principles stated in Opinion Nos. 30 and 58, the Commission advises the employee that he should disqualify himself from agency matters involving the company of the spouse.

Dated: Honolulu, Hawaii, May 25, 1970.

STATE ETHICS COMMISSION
James F. Morgan, Jr., Chairman
S. Don Shimazu, Vice Chairman
Vernon F.L. Char, Commissioner

Note: Commissioners July Simeona and Margaret W. Smalley were excused from the meeting at which this opinion was considered and adopted.