Re: Media inquiry Hawaii Reporter re legal for state agency to pay for ad supporting constitutional amendment

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this is what the Ethics Commission put out regarding campaign restrictions - don't think it applies to our ads.
http://www.hawaii.edu/offices/eaur/govrel/otherdocs/campaign_restrictions.pdf

Here's the link to the Ethics Guide

Carty S Chang
doesn't procurement allow the payment/place...

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doesn't procurement allow the payment/placement of ads. Or is it because it is a political ad is what they are questioning. Do you know of a reference or source that allows this?

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Subject: Media inquiry Hawaii Reporter re legal for state agency to pay for ad supporting constitutional amendment

Malia Zimmerman's questions:

The ad is paid for by DLNR. Is it legal/ethical for a state agency to pay for a political ad?

The ad is on the front page of the Local section (top right corner) of today's Star-Advertiser.
Also how many of these ads have you placed and at what cost?
(THIS IS THE FIRST I KNOW OF)

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HI Deborah,

There's a small add in today's paper endorsing a Yes vote on Constitutional Amendment #1 that is on the ballot this year. This is the one about allowing special purpose revenue bonds to assist private reservoir and dam owners make repairs.

The ad is paid for by DLNR. Is it legal/ethical for a state agency to pay for a political ad?

The ad is on the front page of the Local section (top right corner) of today's Star-Advertiser.

Also how many of these ads have you placed and at what cost?

Thanks,

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