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# Hundreds of State Employees, Board Members Fail to Report Finances

The Hawaii State Ethics Commission is working to ensure compliance with financial disclosure laws but many may face fines.

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The Hawaii State Ethics Commission is chasing down state employees and board members who have failed to file their financial disclosure statements for 2015.

The reports, which were due June 30, contain information about the person's income, their ownership or beneficial interests in businesses, creditors, real estate holdings, clients they represent before other state agencies, and any outside boards or companies they serve on.

As of Tuesday, there were 67 state employees and 321 members of boards and commissions who have yet to file their disclosure statement for this year. That's about 21 percent of everyone who's required to file by law.

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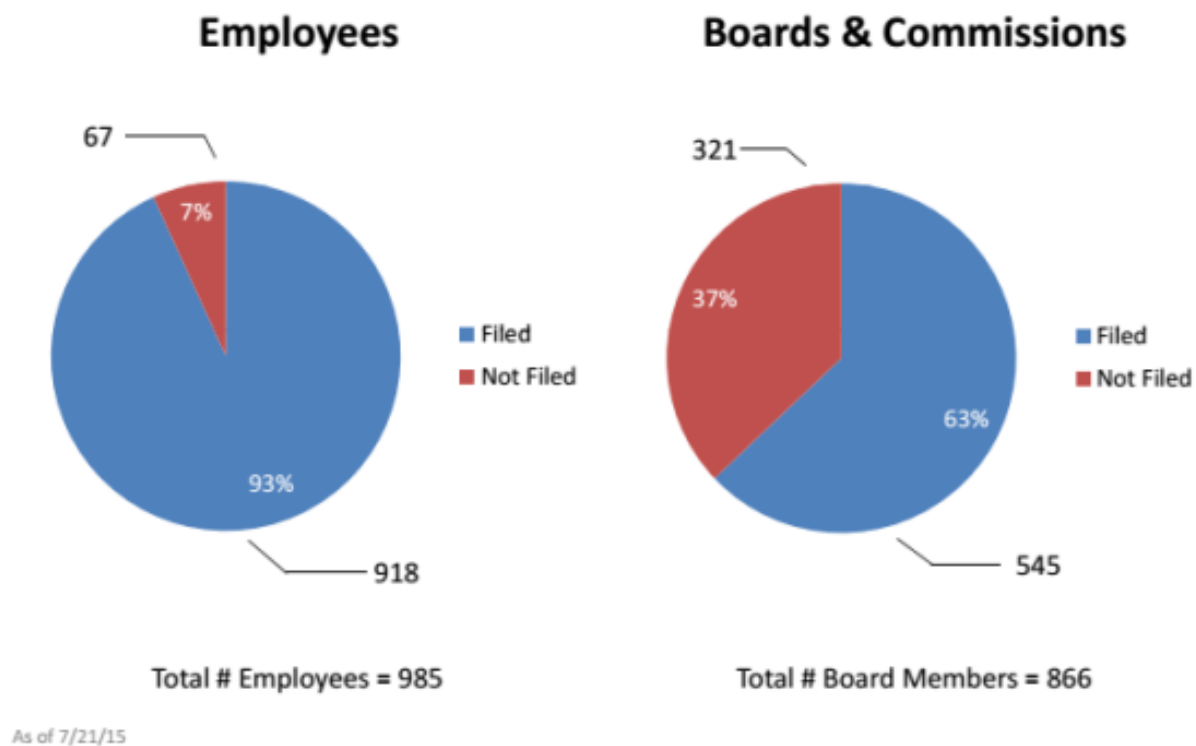
*The Hawaii State Ethics Commission, seen here at its meeting Wednesday, can fine employees who file their financial disclosure statements late, as 388 people did this year.*

There are just over 1,800 state employees and board members who have to file annual financial disclosure statements with the commission.

Not all of those are public records, but the publicly available files include those of all 76 state lawmakers, the governor and his Cabinet, along with members of more than a dozen powerful boards, including the University of Hawaii Board of Regents, Public Utilities Commission and Hawaii Community Development Authority. (Civil Beat has created a [searchable database](#) of the public filings.)

Hawaii State Ethics Commission

## 2015 Financial Disclosures Filing Status



*Here's a look at the 2015 financial disclosure filing status, as of July 21, 2015.*

There's an administrative fine of \$50 for failing to file a financial disclosure statement. If the form isn't filed within 10 days of the due date, there's an additional fine of \$10 each day it's late.

The commission can — and occasionally does — waive the fine when there's a good reason for it being filed late.

Ethics Executive Director Les Kondo reported on the 2015 financial disclosure filing status at the commission's meeting Wednesday.

Here's the list of delinquent state employees:

Agency Name	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
Department of Budget and Finance	Miyahira	Neal	H.
Department of Budget and Finance	Ho	Timothy	E.
Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism	Saito	Aileen	F.
Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism	Ueki	Darren	K.
Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism	Uchiyama	David	H.
Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism	Sakuda	Steve	Michiharu
Department of Education	Souza	Arthur	Francis
Department of Education	Luke	Rodney	T.O.
Department of Education	Shar	Leila	N.
Department of Education	Mulcahy	Corinn	Suzanne
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands	Kimura	Derek	T.
Department of Health	Pang	Lorin	W.
Department of Health	Ohta	Gerald	H.
Department of Health	Brogan	Mary	
Department of Health	Gray	Michelle	
Department of Health	Segawa	Lance	K.
Department of Health	Young	Estrelita	V.
Department of Health	Bartolome	Dwight	Niles
Department of Health	Kim	Lorin	J.
Department of Human Services	Fernandez	Susan	L.
Department of Human Services	Tawata	Leslie	K.
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations	Toguchi	Pamela	Ann
Department of Land and Natural Resources	Thompson	Nicki Ann	
Department of Public Safety	Asato	Clifford	N.
Department of Taxation	Ka'i	Janyne	
Department of the Attorney General	Wang	Sheri	
Department of Transportation	Sniffen	Ed	
Department of Transportation	Yogi	Davis	K.
House of Representatives	Kalupahana	Nandana	K.
House of Representatives	Anderson	Rebecca	L.
House of Representatives	Ku	Jarrett	G. K.
	Choo	David	K.
	Yerlin	Stewart	A.

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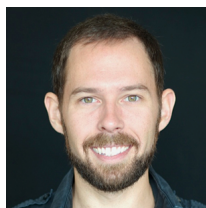
Here's the list of delinquent state board and commission members:

Board/Commission Name	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
Agribusiness Development Corporation	Schenk	Douglas	R.
Agribusiness Development Corporation	Uyehara	Letitia	Naomi
Board of Acupuncture	Hashimoto	Mike	M.
Board of Agriculture	Galimba	Michelle	M.
Board of Agriculture	Ha	Richard	
Board of Agriculture	Hong	Glenn	K.
Board of Barbering and Cosmetology	Choi	Alexander	B.
Board of Barbering and Cosmetology	Nelson	Chad	A.
Board of Barbering and Cosmetology	Quintana	Christobal	J.
Board of Chiropractic Examiners	Redmond	Lawrence	
Board of Education	De Lima	Brian	J.
Board of Education	Horner	Donald	E.
Board of Electricians and Plumbers	Hiraki	Randal	M.
Board of Electricians and Plumbers	Ta'a	Vernon	K.
Board of Examiners in Naturopathy	Chun	Rodney	C.Y.
Board of Examiners in Naturopathy	Gibson	Kevin	R.
Board of Examiners in Optometry	Chang	Gayle	C.
Board of Examiners in Optometry	Loo	Jere	H.E.
Board of Examiners in Optometry	Reynolds	Geoffrey	E.
Board of Land and Natural Resources	Char	Vernon	F.L.
Board of Massage	Bath	Stephanie	
Board of Massage	Nagashima	Olivia	B.
Board of Pharmacy	Lau	Garrett	A.
Board of Physical Therapy	McCreary	Elizabeth	K.
Board of Physical Therapy	Shimabukuro	Neil	K.
Board of Professional Engineers, etal	Manzano	Jay	T.
Board of Public Accountancy	Glaus	Wendy	M.
Board of Public Accountancy	Komo	Darryl	T.
Board of Radiologic Technology	Garnes	Larry	Allen
Board of Radiologic Technology	Nakaoka	Jodi Ann	T.
Board of Radiologic Technology	Robert	Gary	L.
Board of Registration	Matlage	Philip	G.
Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology	Go-Yoshino	Shari	Y.S.

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Collect the fines!

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**Robert Manning** · Church College of Hawaii

These people must have something to hide....Double check them!

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**Tom Greenleaf** · Western New Mexico University

If the ethical standards are ever going to be raised, there must be consequences. You work for the public at the public's sufferance. You didn't file those pesky financial disclosure forms? No worries brah, only you don't work here anymore. Fire them!

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This comment is posted in behalf of Lynne Matusow:

I found it interesting that Allene Richardson Suemori, from the HHSC Regional Board - Oahu, is on the list.

Suemori is a retired judge and a member of the Honolulu Ethics Commission. At yesterday's Ethics Commission meeting she insisted the commissioners want to know what Ethics Director Chuck Totto is talking about before he talks. She does not want him to speak to the media without her prior knowledge. She supported the gag policy that was passed (now rescinded) at the June meeting. She owes the public an explanation as to why she is not following state law and submitting her financial papers on time. What is she hiding? If she can't abide by the state ethics filing law, why is she a member of the City Ethics Commission? She should resign.

The same holds true for Stanford Yuen, a UH Regent, also on the list who initially supported muzzling Chuck Totto, and yesterday switched sides.

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**Arvid Youngquist**

Now that the City of Honolulu Ethics Commission has found its focus and the intestinal fortitude, it is time that the minority of two join the majority of the State Ethics Commission to join the other seven and move forward to fulfill the mandate and its mission to assure transparency. If Board and Commission members, State Employees are scoff-law, they need to be called on their bluff. Ignorance may be an excuse but they were not ignorant when they accepted Senate confirmation and or took the oath of employment or appointment. Thanks to Nathan Eagle for your "eagle eye" kind of birds eye view. Imua and mahalo.

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**Lorie Farrell**

Wow...Lorrin Pang a State employee and a member of a Political action Campaign who screams at the top of his lungs daily about "Disclosure" by agriculture and farmers. His favorite pastime is fear propaganda he can't prove and YET he hasn't followed the law... Does anyone even know what he actually does??

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**Andy Parx**

What about Richard Ha on the BOA? I don't see you complaining about that?

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**Beth Tokioka** · Community Outreach Manager at Syngenta

Interesting to see Dr. Lorrin Pang's name on this list. Especially considering he made this comment before the Maui County Council in January 2014: "This is the first step - the disclosure - in the correct regulation of GMO farm practices...The start of better regulation starts with disclosure."

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**Andy Parx**

I don't see you complaining about proGMO Richard Ha on the Board of Ag where he can actually influence policy

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**Beth Tokioka** · Community Outreach Manager at Syngenta

Certainly Mr. Ha, and everyone on the list, should report as well. My complaint was about Dr. Pang's public statements, which are contradictory to his actions in this regard.

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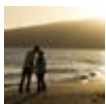


**Bill Boyd** · Associate Specialist at University of Hawaii at West Oahu

So what Andy. Two wrongs don't make a right. But Ha has done nothing remotely comparable to Pang's activities.

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**Rhonda Bode Stoltzfus** · Kihei, Hawaii

Lorrin Pang (Department of Health) is on this list. Isn't he one of the "5 Citizens" that began the GMO initiative on Maui? Isn't he the one asking for full disclosure from seed companies? Isn't it funny how Monsanto gives a report of their activities to the county each year, but Mr. Pang can't be bothered to do the same? Perhaps a case of 'Do as I say, not as I do'.

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**Tim Moline** · Honolulu, Hawaii

ALL those folks that scoff the disclosure law should have their paychecks and/or funding stopped until they are in compliance with the law. We all can be quite certain that were they working in the private sector they would be summarily fired!

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**Geoffrey R. Last** · SUNY Cortland

I can not believe this here in Hawaii. NOT!!!!

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