



**Public Policy Voice for the Roman Catholic Church in the State of Hawaii**

**TO:** All Pastors & Parish Leaders  
**FROM:** Walter Yoshimitsu  
**DATE:** January 6, 2014  
**RE: LOBBYING EXPENDITURE REPORT DIOCESE OF HONOLULU (2013)**

Many of you are already aware that the Diocese of Honolulu (Hawaii Catholic Conference) must file lobbying expenditures reports during the year for select periods. The next one covers the period of June 1 – December 2013.

This memo is to ask that each of you fill out the brief questionnaire below and return it to my office no later than January 15, 2014. Any Parish that does not return the survey will receive a follow up phone call.

According to Hawaii State Law and a recent opinion of the Hawaii Ethics Commission, lobbying refers to:

“Lobbying” is defined as “communicating directly or through an agent, or soliciting others to communicate” with a legislator for the purpose of attempting to influence legislation.

As defined, “lobbying” includes urging members of the public to communicate with legislators (sometimes called “grassroots lobbying”). Individuals who and organizations which engage in either direct or grassroots lobbying may be required to publicly report certain lobbying expenditures and contributions to the Commission.

For example, the following activities may constitute reportable lobbying expenses under Hawaii law: preparing or distributing flyers and other mailers encouraging members of the public to contact their legislators to support or oppose legalizing same sex marriage; producing or paying for media announcements which advocate for or against the proposed legislation, including television and radio spots, newspaper ads, and internet posts; and organizing sign-waving or rallies to demonstrate support for or against same sex marriage.”

(please refer to: <http://hawaii.gov/ethics/opinions/EthicsAdvisory/EthicsAdvisory2013-05.pdf>) for more information and to read the entire memo.)

The Hawaii Catholic Conference is responsible for preparing this report for the Diocese of Honolulu so we need to report any activities conducted in your parish using parish facilities and/or goods during the special legislative session.

In order to submit an accurate report, please answer the following. You may also fill this information out online here (<https://adobeformscentral.com/?f=37FtmKBrTAi8yCvHri8SpQ>)



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PLEASE PRINT AND SEND BACK NO LATER THAN MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2014.

You do not need to resubmit this form if you have done so online.

PARISH:		
NAME OF PASTOR:		
Did your parish engage in any of the lobbying activities listed above?		
[ ] yes [ ] No		
If Yes, please indicate: (two examples are listed below)		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Type of Expenditure</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
<i>10/28/13</i>	<i>Ordered one bus for rally</i>	<i>\$350.00</i>
<i>10/22/13</i>	<i>Reproduced flyers asking people to contact their legislature</i>	<i>\$200.00</i>
<b>TOTAL SPENT BY PARISH:</b>		

If you have any questions or are unsure of the reporting requirements, please call me directly at (808) 203-6735.