

JAN 19 2024

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
2 by adding a new section to part XIII, subpart E to be
3 appropriately designated and to read as follows:

4 "§11- Solicitations relating to disasters. (a) No
5 person shall solicit a contribution in a manner that would lead
6 a reasonable person to believe that the solicited contribution
7 would primarily be used to provide assistance to persons
8 directly affected by a disaster unless the solicitation includes
9 an explicit disclosure that:

10 (1) The solicited contributions are subject to state
11 campaign finance law;

12 (2) Contributions may be used to influence the outcomes of
13 elections for political office or votes relating to
14 ballot questions; and

15 (3) Persons affected by the disaster may not necessarily
16 benefit from any solicited contribution.



1 (b) The disclosure described in subsection (a) shall be
2 prominently displayed or announced in a manner that a reasonable
3 person is likely to notice while reading, listening to, or
4 observing the remainder of the solicitation.

5 (c) A person who violates this section shall be guilty of
6 a class C felony.

7 (d) For the purposes of this section, the term "disaster"
8 shall have the same meaning as in section 127A-2."

9 SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
10 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
11 begun before its effective date.

12 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: 



S.B. NO. 2453

Report Title:

Campaign Spending; Solicitations; Contributions

Description:

Requires certain solicitations that reference disasters to include a disclosure. Deems violators guilty of a class C felony.

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