A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to prohibit the
- 2 solicitation and acceptance of campaign contributions by
- 3 legislators during selected periods of legislative sessions.
- 4 SECTION 2. Section 11-342, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 5 amended to read as follows:
- 6 "[+]\$11-342[+] Fundraiser; notice of intent[-]; when
- 7 prohibited. (a) No fundraiser shall be held unless a notice of
- 8 intent to hold the fundraiser is filed with the commission
- 9 setting forth the name and address of the person in charge, the
- 10 price per person, the date, hour, and place of the fundraiser,
- 11 and the method thereof.
- (b) [The] For fundraisers subject to subsection (a), the
- 13 person in charge of the fundraiser shall file the notice with
- 14 the commission prior to the fundraiser.
- (c) No legislator, or person employed by or acting on
- 16 behalf of a legislator, shall hold a fundraiser or receive a
- 17 contribution, regardless of whether the contribution is made in-

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- 1 person, by mail or internet, or another method, within one week
- 2 prior to the following deadlines established for each regular
- 3 session of the legislature by its respective houses:
- 4 (1) First lateral filing;
- 5 (2) First decking;
- 6 (3) Second lateral filing;
- 7 (4) Second decking; and
- 8 (5) Final decking.
- 9 No contribution received during a prohibited period under this
- 10 subsection shall be used or expended by the legislator and shall
- 11 be returned to the contributor. If the contributor cannot be
- 12 identified, the contribution shall escheat to the Hawaii
- 13 election campaign fund.
- 14 [-(c)] (d) As used in this section, "fundraiser" means any
- 15 function held for the benefit of a candidate, candidate
- 16 committee, or noncandidate committee that is intended or
- 17 designed, directly or indirectly, to raise contributions for
- 18 which the price or suggested contribution for attending the
- 19 function is more than \$25 per person."
- 20 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 21 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.

Report Title:

Political Fundraisers; Legislators

Description:

Prohibits legislators, and persons acting on behalf of legislators, from holding any fundraiser or receiving campaign contributions during selected times of any regular legislative session. (HD1)

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