

JAN 22 2021

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CAMPAIGN SPENDING.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the state campaign
2 spending law has been carefully crafted to promote open and fair
3 elections. The legislature further finds that new candidate and
4 noncandidate committees may miss filing requirements for some
5 reports and that even experienced committees may miss
6 requirements due to changes in the law as evidenced by the
7 multitude of conciliation agreements on the campaign spending
8 commission's agenda. These conciliation agreements most often
9 are first offenses with committees admitting to their lack of
10 knowledge or understanding of the reporting requirements. The
11 legislature additionally finds that, in order to assist
12 candidate and noncandidate committees in staying as open and
13 fair under the law as reasonable, training on key deadlines,
14 reports, and law changes by the campaign spending commission
15 should be mandatory for all candidate and noncandidate
16 committees in every election cycle.



1 The purpose of this Act is to require at least one
2 individual from each candidate and noncandidate committee to
3 complete a training course administered by the campaign spending
4 commission.

5 SECTION 2. Chapter 11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
6 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to
7 read as follows:

8 "§11- Training requirement. (a) In each election
9 cycle, at least one individual from each candidate and
10 noncandidate committee shall complete a training course
11 administered by the campaign spending commission. The
12 individual may be the candidate or the candidate's or
13 noncandidate's designated representative, officer, or volunteer.

14 (b) The training course shall be developed by the campaign
15 spending commission and shall provide information on all
16 campaign spending laws, reporting requirements, and deadlines as
17 determined by the campaign spending commission."

18 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.
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1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: *[Handwritten Signature]*



S.B. NO. 549

Report Title:

Campaign Spending Commission; Training; Candidate and Noncandidate Committees

Description:

Requires at least one individual from each candidate and noncandidate committee to complete mandatory training on key campaign spending laws, reporting requirements, and deadlines at least once every election cycle.

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