
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE CAMPAIGN SPENDING COMMISSION.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 11-391, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "**§11-391 Advertisements.** (a) Any advertisement that is
4 broadcast, televised, circulated, published, distributed, or
5 otherwise communicated, including by electronic means, shall:

6 (1) Contain the name and address of the candidate,
7 candidate committee, noncandidate committee, or other
8 person paying for the advertisement;

9 (2) Contain a notice in a prominent location stating
10 either that:

11 (A) The advertisement has the approval and authority
12 of the candidate; provided that an advertisement
13 paid for by a candidate, candidate committee, or
14 ballot issue committee does not need to include
15 the notice; or

16 (B) The advertisement has not been approved by the
17 candidate; and



(3) Not contain false information about the time, date, place, or means of voting.

(b) The fine for violation of this section, if assessed by the commission, shall not exceed \$25 for each advertisement that lacks the information required by this section or provides prohibited information, and shall not exceed an aggregate amount of \$5,000[-]; provided that the commission shall pursue actions under section 11-412 and file a complaint with the local office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation or the Postmaster General as appropriate for grossly false or anonymous advertisements.

(c) For the purposes of this section, "anonymous advertisement" means an advertisement that is broadcast, televised, circulated, published, distributed, or otherwise communicated, including by electronic means, by a person, as defined in section 11-302, that is not registered with the commission as required under section 11-321."

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

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.



1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.

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Report Title:

Campaign Spending Commission; Grossly False Advertisements;
Anonymous Advertisements

Description:

Requires the Campaign Spending Commission to file a complaint with the local office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation or Postmaster General as appropriate for grossly false or anonymous advertisements.

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