

JAN 22 2021

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CAMPAIGN FUNDRAISING.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that campaign fundraising
2 events held during legislative sessions diminish public trust,
3 especially when legislators invite lobbyists who seek favorable
4 treatment. This has led to proposals to prohibit these types of
5 fundraisers.

6 The legislature further finds that instead of prohibiting
7 campaign fundraisers during legislative sessions, a more
8 feasible and fair approach is to increase public disclosure of
9 fundraising events, which would increase transparency for both
10 legislators and legislative challengers.

11 The purpose of this Act is to require incumbent legislators
12 and legislative candidates to file a notice of intent to hold a
13 fundraiser, for any requested amount, during legislative
14 sessions.

15 SECTION 2. Section 11-342, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
16 amended to read as follows:



1 "~~[f]~~ §11-342~~[t]~~ Fundraiser; notice of intent. (a) No
2 fundraiser shall be held unless a notice of intent to hold the
3 fundraiser is filed with the commission setting forth the name
4 and address of the person in charge, the price per person, the
5 date, hour, and place of the fundraiser, and the method thereof.

6 (b) The person in charge of the fundraiser shall file the
7 notice with the commission prior to the fundraiser.

8 (c) Notwithstanding subsection (d), incumbent legislators
9 and candidates for legislative office shall file a notice of
10 intent pursuant to this section for any function, regardless of
11 the price or suggested contribution amount, that otherwise meets
12 the definition of "fundraiser", held during a regular or special
13 session of the legislature.

14 ~~[-e-]~~ (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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed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.



S.B. NO. 555

1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

2 INTRODUCED BY: 



S.B. NO. 555

Report Title:

Campaign Fundraising; Reporting Requirement; Legislative Session

Description:

Requires a notice of intent for all campaign fundraisers held by incumbent legislators or candidates for legislative office during a regular or special session of the legislature regardless of price or suggested contribution amount.

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