#### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 2023 STATE OF HAWAII

### H.B. NO. <sup>97</sup> H.D. 1

# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION OF PROBABLE CAUSE.

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

SECTION 1. Section 11-405, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 1 2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows: 3 "(a) Upon hearing the response, if the respondent explains or otherwise responds to the complaint, and upon completion of 4 5 any investigation, the commission may make a prompt preliminary 6 determination as to whether probable cause exists that a 7 violation of this part has been committed. The preliminary 8 determination with findings of fact and conclusions of law shall 9 be served upon the respondent by [certified mail.] first-class 10 mail and electronic mail. If the respondent is a candidate, 11 candidate committee, or noncandidate committee and the 12 preliminary determination is mailed to the address contained in 13 the organizational report of the candidate or committee, there 14 shall be a presumption that the candidate or committee received 15 the preliminary determination within five business days of the 16 preliminary determination being mailed."

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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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed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.
SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



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#### Report Title:

Hawaii Campaign Spending Commission Package; Preliminary Determination; Method of Service

#### Description:

Requires the campaign spending commission to serve preliminary determinations of probable cause via first-class mail and electronic mail. Establishes a presumption of receipt when mailed to the address contained in the candidate or committee organizational report. (HD1)

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