
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 11-323, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "§11-323 Organizational report, noncandidate committee.

4 (a) The noncandidate committee organizational report shall
5 include:

6 (1) The committee's name, which shall incorporate the full
7 name of the sponsoring entity, if any. An acronym or
8 abbreviation may be used in other communications if
9 the acronym or abbreviation is commonly known or
10 clearly recognized by the general public. The
11 committee's name shall not include the name of a
12 candidate;

13 (2) The committee's address, including web page address,
14 if any;

15 (3) The area, scope, or jurisdiction of the committee;

16 (4) The name and address of the committee's sponsoring
17 entity. If the committee does not have a sponsoring
18 entity, the committee shall specify the trade,



1 profession, or primary interest of contributors to the
2 committee;

3 (5) The name, address, telephone number, occupation, and
4 principal place of business of the chairperson;

5 (6) The name, address, telephone number, occupation, and
6 principal place of business of the treasurer and any
7 other officers;

8 (7) An indication as to whether the committee was formed
9 to support or oppose a specific ballot question or
10 candidate and, if so, a brief description of the
11 question or [the] name of the candidate;

12 (8) An indication as to whether the committee is a
13 political party committee;

14 (9) The name, address, telephone number, occupation, and
15 principal place of business of the custodian of the
16 books and accounts;

17 (10) The name and address of the depository institution in
18 which the committee will maintain its campaign account
19 and each applicable account number; and

20 (11) A certification by the chairperson and treasurer of
21 the statements in the organizational report.



1 (b) Any change in information previously reported in the
2 organizational report shall be electronically filed with the
3 commission within ten days of the change being brought to the
4 attention of the committee chairperson or treasurer.

5 (c) Any noncandidate committee that violates all or any
6 part of this section shall be subject to a minimum fine of
7 \$1,000 per violation."

8 SECTION 2. Section 11-391, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
9 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

10 "(b) The fine for violation of this section, if assessed
11 by the commission, shall not exceed \$25 for each advertisement
12 that lacks the information required by this section or provides
13 prohibited information, and shall not exceed an aggregate amount
14 of \$5,000[-]; provided that any violation of this section by a
15 noncandidate committee, if assessed by the commission, shall be
16 no less than \$150 for each advertisement that lacks the
17 information required by this section or provides prohibited
18 information."

19 SECTION 3. Section 11-393, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
20 amended by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:



1 "(d) Any noncandidate committee that violates this section
2 shall be subject to a minimum fine [~~under section 11-410.~~] of
3 \$1,000 per violation."

4 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
5 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

6 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.



Report Title:

Campaign Finance; Advertisements; Noncandidate Committees;
Violations; Fines

Description:

Increases the amount of fines that may be assessed against noncandidate committees for violations of organizational report and advertisement disclosure requirements. (CD1)

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