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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE.

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

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended  
2 by adding a new section to part XIII, subpart E, to be  
3 appropriately designated and to read as follows:

4           "§11-           Solicitations relating to disasters. (a) No  
5 candidate, candidate committee, or noncandidate committee shall  
6 solicit a contribution in a manner that would lead a reasonable  
7 person to believe that the solicited contribution would  
8 primarily be used to provide assistance to persons directly  
9 affected by a disaster unless the solicitation includes an  
10 explicit disclosure that:

11           (1) The solicited contributions are subject to state  
12 campaign finance law;

13           (2) Contributions may be used to influence the outcomes of  
14 elections for political office or votes relating to  
15 ballot questions; and

16           (3) Persons affected by the disaster may not necessarily  
17 benefit from any solicited contribution.



1           (b) The disclosure described in subsection (a) shall be  
2 prominently displayed or announced in a manner that a reasonable  
3 person is likely to notice while reading, listening to, or  
4 observing the remainder of the solicitation.

5           (c) A person who violates this section shall be guilty of  
6 a class C felony.

7           (d) For the purposes of this section, "disaster" shall  
8 have the same meaning as defined in section 127A-2."

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

12           SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

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



**Report Title:**

Campaign Spending; Solicitations; Contributions

**Description:**

Requires certain solicitations that reference disasters to include a disclosure. Deems violators guilty of a class C felony. (SD1)

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