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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MEDIA TRANSPARENCY.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 480B-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "[f] §480B-1[+] General definitions. As used in this
4 chapter:

5 "Media" means any [~~printed publication of general~~
6 ~~distribution in the State issued once or more per year that is a~~
7 ~~party to the Mutual Publishing Plan Agreement as executed on May~~
8 ~~31, 1962, and any subsequent amendments.] news gathering or
9 reporting agency, including newspapers, radio, television
10 stations or networks, internet-based organizations, news
11 services, magazines, trade papers, in-house publications,
12 professional journals, or other news reporting or news gathering
13 agencies whose function it is to inform the public or some
14 segment thereof."~~

15 SECTION 2. Section 480B-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
16 amended by amending its title and subsection (a) to read as
17 follows:



1 " ~~[+] §480B-2 [+] Disclosure.~~ (a) ~~[The]~~ All media shall
2 submit to the attorney general, no later than thirty days after
3 December 31 of the reporting year ~~[, an]~~ :

4 (1) An income tax return filed pursuant to section 235-
5 4 [-]; and

6 (2) A financial disclosure statement that lists the
7 media's amounts and sources of income, excluding
8 income from advertisements; provided that the
9 statement shall include donations and names of donors.

10 Without regard to chapter 92F, the attorney general
11 shall make copies of the financial disclosure
12 statements available on its website."

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed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

15 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

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S.B. NO. 1602

Report Title:

News; Media; Reporting Requirements; Finances

Description:

Requires media to submit to the attorney general a yearly financial disclosure statement that lists the media's amounts and sources of income, excluding income from advertisements and including donations and names of donors.

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