

JAN 20 2023

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CAMPAIGN SPENDING.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that candidates for
2 elected office, including incumbents, sometimes promote their
3 candidacies by attending events held by nonprofit organizations.
4 The candidates are often invited to speak or appear before
5 attendees, increasing the visibility of the candidates and their
6 campaigns among voters and contributors. Candidates may also
7 mingle among attendees to solicit votes or to discuss their
8 experiences as incumbents.

9 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to authorize any
10 candidate committee, under certain circumstances, to expend
11 campaign funds to purchase a ticket for a candidate to attend an
12 event held by a nonprofit organization.

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

16 "§11- Candidate appearances; nonprofit organizations;
17 events; tickets. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a



1 candidate committee may expend campaign funds to purchase a
2 ticket for the committee's candidate to attend any event hosted
3 by a nonprofit organization, regardless of whether the event
4 occurs during an election year; provided that at the event, the
5 candidate attempts to:

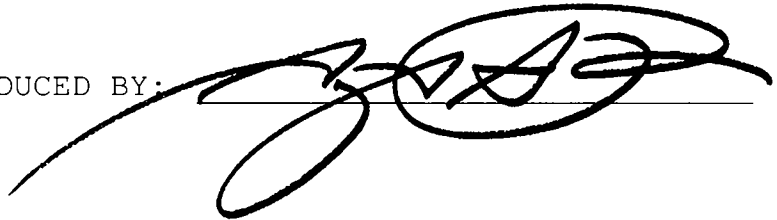
- 6 (1) Promote or solicit funds for the candidate's election
7 campaign; or
8 (2) Communicate to attendees about matters related to the
9 office the candidate holds as an incumbent."

10 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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INTRODUCED BY:

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S.B. NO. 408

Report Title:

Elections; Candidates; Expenditures; Nonprofits; Tickets

Description:

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