

JAN 22 2026

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 11-412, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (g) to read as follows:

3 "(g) ~~[Prosecution for violations of this part shall not~~
4 ~~commence after five years have elapsed from the date of the~~
5 ~~violation or date of filing of the report covering the period in~~
6 ~~which the violation occurred, whichever is later.]~~ The
7 applicable period of limitations for a criminal prosecution
8 under this section shall not commence until discovery of the
9 offense by the commission."

10 SECTION 2. Section 701-108, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
11 amended by amending subsection (2) to read as follows:

12 "(2) Except as otherwise provided ~~[in this section,]~~ by
13 law, prosecutions for other offenses ~~[are]~~ shall be subject to
14 the following periods of limitation:

15 (a) A prosecution for manslaughter where the death was not
16 caused by the operation of a motor vehicle ~~[must]~~



1 shall be commenced within ten years after it is
2 committed;

3 (b) A prosecution for a class A felony [~~must~~] shall be
4 commenced within six years after it is committed;

5 (c) A prosecution for any felony under part IX of chapter
6 708 [~~must~~] shall be commenced within five years after
7 it is committed;

8 (d) A prosecution for any other felony [~~must~~] shall be
9 commenced within three years after it is committed;

10 (e) A prosecution for a misdemeanor or parking violation
11 [~~must~~] shall be commenced within two years after it is
12 committed; and

13 (f) A prosecution for a petty misdemeanor or a violation
14 other than a parking violation [~~must~~] shall be
15 commenced within one year after it is committed[~~-~~];

16 provided that the period of limitations for a prosecution
17 pursuant to section 11-412 shall not commence until discovery of
18 the offense by the campaign spending commission."

19 SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
20 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
21 begun before its effective date.



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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed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

3 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

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Description:

Provides that the period of limitations for criminal prosecutions under campaign finance laws commences upon discovery of the offense by the Campaign Spending Commission, rather than being limited to five years from the violation date or report filing date.

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