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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CHARITABLE SOLICITATION.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 467B-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending the definition of "professional solicitor"  
3 to read as follows:  
4           ""Professional solicitor" means any person who, for a  
5 financial or other consideration, solicits contributions in this  
6 State for a charitable organization, or any person with whom the  
7 professional solicitor independently contracts to solicit for  
8 contributions. A person who is otherwise a professional  
9 fundraising counsel shall be deemed a professional solicitor if  
10 the person's compensation is related to the amount of  
11 contributions received[-] or has custody or control of  
12 contributions received. The term does not include a bona fide  
13 volunteer. The term includes a salaried officer or employee of  
14 a charitable organization if the salaried officer or employee of  
15 the charitable organization receives percentage compensation.  
16 The term does not include an attorney, investment counselor or  
17 advisor, financial advisor, or banker, or other person who:



1 (1) Advises another person to make a contribution to a  
2 charitable organization as part of the person's  
3 employment; and

4 (2) Does not receive compensation from the charitable  
5 organization for that advice."

6 SECTION 2. Section 467B-2.1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
7 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

8 "(b) The attorney general may make available a  
9 registration form to assist in the registration by charitable  
10 organizations [~~that must register in other states and shall~~  
11 ~~designate the uniform registration statement developed by the~~  
12 ~~National Association of State Charity Officials be used as the~~  
13 ~~registration form under this section]~~."

14 SECTION 3. Section 467B-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
15 amended to read as follows:

16 "**§467B-3 Reciprocal agreements.** The attorney general may  
17 enter into a reciprocal agreement with the appropriate authority  
18 of another state for the purpose of exchanging information with  
19 respect to charitable organizations, professional fundraising  
20 counsel, [~~and~~] professional solicitors [~~-~~], and commercial co-  
21 venturers."



1 SECTION 4. Section 467B-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3 "(a) Every charitable organization, professional  
4 fundraising counsel, [~~and~~] professional solicitor, and  
5 commercial co-venturer subject to this chapter shall keep true  
6 and accurate records as to its activities in a form that will  
7 accurately provide support for the information required by this  
8 chapter. Upon demand, the records shall be made available to  
9 the attorney general for inspection. Except as provided in  
10 subsection (b), records shall be retained for a period of not  
11 less than [~~five~~] three years."

12 SECTION 5. Section 467B-5.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
13 amended to read as follows:

14 "**§467B-5.5 Commercial co-venturer's charitable sales**  
15 **promotions.** (a) All charitable sales promotions by a  
16 commercial co-venturer shall disclose the name of the commercial  
17 co-venturer.

18 (b) Prior to the commencement of any charitable sales  
19 promotion in this State conducted by a commercial co-venturer  
20 using the name of a charitable organization, the commercial co-  
21 venturer shall obtain the written consent of the charitable  
22 organization whose name will be used during the charitable sales



1 promotion. The commercial co-venturer shall file a copy of the  
2 written consent with the department not less than ten days prior  
3 to the commencement of the charitable sales promotion within  
4 this State. An authorized representative of the charitable  
5 organization and the commercial co-venturer shall sign the  
6 written consent, and the terms of the written consent shall  
7 include the following:

- 8 (1) The goods or services to be offered to the public;
- 9 (2) The geographic area where, and the starting and final  
10 date when, the offering is to be made;
- 11 (3) The manner in which the name of the charitable  
12 organization is to be used, including any  
13 representation to be made to the public as to the  
14 amount or per cent per unit of goods or services  
15 purchased or used that is to benefit the charitable  
16 organization;
- 17 (4) A provision for a final accounting on a per unit basis  
18 to be given by the commercial co-venturer to the  
19 charitable organization and the date when it is to be  
20 made; and
- 21 (5) The date when and the manner in which the benefit is  
22 to be conferred on the charitable organization.



1 (c) A final accounting for each charitable sales promotion  
2 shall be prepared by the commercial co-venturer following the  
3 completion of the promotion. A copy of the final accounting  
4 shall be provided to the attorney general not more than twenty  
5 days after the copy is requested by the attorney general. A  
6 copy of the final accounting shall be provided to the charitable  
7 organization not more than twenty days after the copy is  
8 requested by the charitable organization. The final accounting  
9 shall be kept by the commercial co-venturer for a period of  
10 three years, unless the commercial co-venturer and the  
11 charitable organization mutually agree that the accounting  
12 should be kept by the charitable organization instead of the  
13 commercial co-venturer.

14 (d) A fine of \$20 shall be imposed on a commercial co-  
15 venturer who fails to file a written consent as required by  
16 subsection (b), unless it is shown that the failure is due to  
17 reasonable cause, for each day during which the violation  
18 continues; provided that the total amount imposed under this  
19 subsection shall not exceed \$1,000."

20 SECTION 6. Section 467B-6.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
21 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:



1           "(a) Every charitable organization required to register  
2 pursuant to section 467B-2.1 shall annually file with the  
3 department a report for its most recently completed fiscal year.  
4 If the charitable organization files a Form 990 or 990-EZ with  
5 the Internal Revenue Service, the annual report shall be a copy  
6 of that Form 990 or 990-EZ. If the registered charitable  
7 organization is required to file a Form 990-T with the Internal  
8 Revenue Service, the annual report shall include a copy of that  
9 Form 990-T. If a charitable organization is not required to  
10 file a Form 990 or 990-EZ with the Internal Revenue Service, the  
11 annual report shall contain all information prescribed by the  
12 department. The charitable organization shall file its annual  
13 report not later than the fifteenth day of the fifth month  
14 following the close of its fiscal year. A charitable  
15 organization that has obtained an extension of time to file a  
16 Form 990 or 990-EZ from the Internal Revenue Service may obtain  
17 an extension of time to file the annual report with the  
18 department, by filing with the department a copy of the Internal  
19 Revenue Service's approved extension of time to file. The  
20 annual report shall be accompanied by a filing fee as prescribed  
21 by subsection (d). The department shall accept, under  
22 conditions prescribed by the attorney general, a copy or



1 duplicate original of financial statements, reports, or returns  
2 filed by the charitable organization with the Internal Revenue  
3 Service or another state having requirements similar to the  
4 provisions of this section; provided that the attorney general  
5 may prescribe the form of the annual financial report for  
6 charitable organizations that file the Form 990-N with the  
7 Internal Revenue Service, or who are not required to file a Form  
8 990 or 990-EZ with the Internal Revenue Service."

9 SECTION 7. Section 467B-8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
10 amended to read as follows:

11 **"§467B-8 Information filed to become public records.**  
12 Statements, reports, professional fundraising counsel contracts  
13 or professional solicitor contracts, commercial co-venturer  
14 consents, and all other documents and information required to be  
15 filed under this chapter or by the attorney general shall become  
16 government records in the department and be open to the general  
17 public for inspection pursuant to chapter 92F; provided that  
18 information in any registration statement concerning the  
19 residential addresses of any officer or director or that  
20 identifies a charitable organization's financial or banking  
21 accounts and audited financial statements submitted by  
22 registered charities shall be confidential under chapter 92F."



1 SECTION 8. Section 467B-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended as follows:

3 1. By amending subsection (b) to read:

4 "(b) No charitable organization, professional solicitor,  
5 ~~[or]~~ professional fundraising counsel, or commercial co-venturer  
6 soliciting contributions shall use a name, symbol, or statement  
7 so closely related or similar to that used by another charitable  
8 organization or governmental agency that the use thereof would  
9 tend to confuse or mislead the public."

10 2. By amended subsection (e) to read:

11 "(e) No charitable organization, professional fundraising  
12 counsel, ~~[or]~~ professional solicitor, or commercial co-venturer  
13 subject to this chapter shall use or exploit the fact of filing  
14 any statement, report, professional fundraising counsel  
15 contracts, written consents, or professional solicitor contracts  
16 or other documents or information required to be filed under  
17 this chapter or with the department so as to lead the public to  
18 believe that the filing in any manner constitutes an endorsement  
19 or approval by the State of the purposes or goals for the  
20 solicitation by the charitable organization, professional  
21 fundraising counsel, ~~[or]~~ professional solicitor[+], or  
22 commercial co-venturer; provided that the use of the following





1 statement shall not be deemed a prohibited exploitation:  
 2 "Information regarding this organization has been filed with the  
 3 State of Hawaii department of the attorney general. Filing does  
 4 not imply endorsement or approval of the organization or the  
 5 public solicitation for contributions."

6 3. By amending subsection (g) to read:

7 "(g) No person shall submit for filing on behalf of any  
 8 charitable organization, professional fundraising counsel, [æ]  
 9 professional solicitor, or commercial co-venturer any statement,  
 10 financial statement, report, attachment, or other information to  
 11 be filed with the department that contains information,  
 12 statements, or omissions that are false or misleading."

13 SECTION 9. Section 467B-9.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
 14 amended to read as follows:

15 "**§467B-9.5 Financial statements.** Whenever the attorney  
 16 general has reasonable grounds to believe that any charitable  
 17 organization, professional fundraising counsel, [æ]  
 18 professional solicitor, or commercial co-venturer has engaged in  
 19 any act or practice constituting a violation of this chapter or  
 20 any rule or order adopted or issued, the attorney general may  
 21 require the charitable organization, professional fundraising  
 22 counsel, [æ] professional solicitor, or commercial co-venturer



1 to submit to the department an audited financial statement  
2 prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting  
3 principles by an independent certified public accountant, or as  
4 otherwise required by the attorney general."

5 SECTION 10. Section 467B-9.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 "**§467B-9.6 Enforcement.** (a) If any charitable  
8 organization, professional fundraising counsel, [~~or~~]  
9 professional solicitor, or commercial co-venturer fails to file  
10 any statement, report, written consent, or other information  
11 required to be filed under this chapter, the attorney general  
12 may demand that the charitable organization, the professional  
13 fundraising counsel, [~~or the~~] professional solicitor, or  
14 commercial co-venturer provide the statement, report, written  
15 consent, or other information not more than twenty days after  
16 demanded by the attorney general. This demand may be mailed to  
17 the address on file with the department.

18 (b) Whenever the attorney general has reason to believe  
19 that any charitable organization, professional fundraising  
20 counsel, professional solicitor, commercial co-venturer, or  
21 other person is operating in violation of this chapter, the  
22 attorney general may investigate and bring an action in any



1 court of this State to enjoin the charitable organization,  
2 professional fundraising counsel, professional solicitor,  
3 commercial co-venturer, or other person from continuing the  
4 violation or doing any acts in furtherance thereof, and for any  
5 other relief that the court deems appropriate."

6 SECTION 11. Section 467B-11.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
7 amended to read as follows:

8 "**§467B-11.5 Charitable organizations exempted from**  
9 **registration and financial disclosure requirements.** The  
10 following charitable organizations shall not be subject to  
11 sections 467B-2.1 and 467B-6.5, if the organization submits  
12 information as the department may require to substantiate an  
13 exemption under this section:

14 (1) Any duly organized religious corporation, institution,  
15 or society that is exempt from filing Form 990 with  
16 the Internal Revenue Service pursuant to sections  
17 6033(a)(3)(A)(i) and (iii) and 6033(a)(3)(C)(i) of the  
18 Internal Revenue Code, as amended;

19 (2) Parent-teacher associations;

20 (3) Any educational institution that is licensed or  
21 accredited by any of the following licensing or  
22 accrediting organizations:



- 1 (A) Hawaii Association of Independent Schools;
- 2 (B) Hawaii Council of Private Schools;
- 3 (C) Western Association of Schools and Colleges;
- 4 (D) Middle States Association of Colleges and
- 5 Schools;
- 6 (E) New England Association of Schools and Colleges;
- 7 (F) North Central Association of Colleges and
- 8 Schools;
- 9 (G) Northwest [~~Association of Schools and Colleges,~~
- 10 Commission on Colleges and Universities;
- 11 (H) Southern Association of Colleges and Schools; or
- 12 (I) The National Association for the Education of
- 13 Young Children;
- 14 and any organization exempt from taxation under
- 15 section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code
- 16 expressly authorized by, and having an established
- 17 identity with, such an educational institution;
- 18 provided that the organization's solicitation of
- 19 contributions is primarily directed to the students,
- 20 alumni, faculty, and trustees of the institutions and
- 21 their respective families;



- 1 (4) Any nonprofit hospital licensed by the State or any
- 2 similar provision of the laws of any other state;
- 3 (5) Any corporation established by an act of the United
- 4 States Congress that is required by federal law to
- 5 submit to Congress annual reports, fully audited by
- 6 the United States Department of Defense, of its
- 7 activities including itemized accounts of all receipts
- 8 and expenditures;
- 9 (6) Any agency of this State, another state, or the
- 10 federal government; and
- 11 (7) Any charitable organization that normally receives
- 12 less than \$25,000 in contributions annually, if the
- 13 organization does not employ or compensate a
- 14 professional solicitor or professional fundraising
- 15 counsel: For purposes of this paragraph, an
- 16 organization normally receives less than \$25,000 in
- 17 contributions annually if, during the immediately
- 18 preceding three fiscal years, it received, on average,
- 19 less than \$25,000 in contributions."

20 SECTION 12. Section 467B-12, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
 21 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

1           "(a) Every professional fundraising counsel or  
2 professional solicitor, prior to any solicitation, shall  
3 register with the department. The registration statement shall  
4 contain the information set forth in subsection (e). The  
5 registration statement shall be accompanied by a fee in the  
6 amount of \$250, or in the amount and with any additional sums as  
7 may be prescribed by the attorney general. Renewal registration  
8 statements shall be filed with the department on or before July  
9 1 of each calendar year by each professional fundraising counsel  
10 or professional solicitor. The renewal statement shall contain  
11 the information set forth in subsection (e). A renewal fee of  
12 \$250, or in any amount and with any additional sums as may be  
13 prescribed by the attorney general, shall accompany the renewal  
14 statement. If a renewal registration required under this  
15 section is not filed, unless it is shown that the failure is due  
16 to reasonable cause, a fine of \$20 shall be imposed for each day  
17 during which the violation continues; provided that the total  
18 amount imposed under this subsection shall not exceed \$1,000."

19           SECTION 13. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
20 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

21           SECTION 14. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

Charitable Solicitation; Charitable Solicitation of Funds from the Public; Commercial Co-venturers

**Description:**

Extends reporting and recordkeeping requirements to commercial co-venturers; allows penalties to be imposed on commercial co-venturers who fail to comply with reporting requirements; clarifies the exemption from registration for organizations who receive less than \$25,000 in contributions annually. (SD1)

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