
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to address campaign
2 finance reform.

3 More specifically, this Act requires a noncandidate
4 committee to report the following:

5 (1) The amount and date of each contribution made to a
6 candidate, candidate committee, or noncandidate
7 committee, and the name and address of the recipient
8 of each contribution;

9 (2) Whether the purpose of each independent expenditure is
10 to support or oppose a candidate; and

11 (3) The name of the candidate supported or opposed by the
12 independent expenditure.

13 The legislature finds that greater transparency of the
14 activities of noncandidate committees, especially "super PACs",
15 is necessary for the electorate to make informed decisions
16 during elections.

17 SECTION 2. Section 11-335, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
18 amended by amending subsections (a) and (b) to read as follows:



1 "(a) The authorized person in the case of a party, or
2 treasurer in the case of a noncandidate committee that is not a
3 party, shall file preliminary, final, and supplemental reports
4 that disclose the following information:

5 (1) The noncandidate committee's name and address;

6 (2) The cash on hand at the beginning of the reporting
7 period and election period;

8 (3) The reporting period and election period aggregate
9 totals for each of the following categories:

10 (A) Contributions~~[+]~~ received;

11 (B) Contributions made;

12 ~~[(B)]~~ (C) Expenditures; and

13 ~~[(C)]~~ (D) Other receipts;

14 (4) The cash on hand at the end of the reporting period;
15 and

16 (5) The surplus or deficit at the end of the reporting
17 period.

18 (b) Schedules filed with the reports shall include the
19 following additional information:

20 (1) The amount and date of deposit of each contribution
21 received and the name, address, occupation, and
22 employer of each contributor making a contribution



1 aggregating more than \$100 during an election period,
2 which was not previously reported; provided that if
3 all the information is not on file, the contribution
4 shall be returned to the contributor within thirty
5 days of deposit;

6 (2) The amount and date of each contribution made to a
7 candidate, candidate committee, or noncandidate
8 committee, and the name and address of the recipient
9 of each contribution;

10 [~~(2)~~] (3) All expenditures, including the name and address
11 of each payee and the amount, date, and purpose of
12 each expenditure[-]; provided that:

13 (A) Expenditures for consultants, advertising
14 agencies and similar firms, credit card payments,
15 salaries, and candidate reimbursements shall be
16 itemized to permit a reasonable person to
17 determine the ultimate intended recipient of the
18 expenditure and its purpose; and

19 (B) The stated purpose of an independent expenditure
20 shall include the name of the candidate who is
21 supported or opposed by the expenditure and



1 whether the expenditure supports or opposes the
2 candidate;

3 [~~3~~] (4) The amount, date of deposit, and description of
4 other receipts and the name and address of the source
5 of each of the other receipts;

6 [~~4~~] (5) A description of each durable asset, the date of
7 acquisition, value at the time of acquisition, and the
8 name and address of the vendor or contributor of the
9 asset; and

10 [~~5~~] (6) The date of disposition of a durable asset, value
11 at the time of disposition, method of disposition, and
12 name and address of the person receiving the asset."

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, 2013.

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Report Title:

Elections; Campaign Finance Report; Noncandidate Committee Reporting

Description:

Requires noncandidate committees to report contributions made, the purpose of each independent expenditure, and the name of the candidate supported or opposed by an independent expenditure.

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