A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 11-353, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 2 amended to read as follows:
- 3 "§11-353 Anonymous contributions prohibited. (a) [Except
- 4 as provided in subsection (d), no No person shall make an
- 5 anonymous contribution to any candidate, candidate committee, or
- 6 noncandidate committee.
- 7 (b) A candidate, candidate committee, or noncandidate
- 8 committee shall not knowingly receive, accept, or retain an
- 9 anonymous contribution, or report [such] the contribution as an
- 10 anonymous contribution, except as provided in this section.
- 11 (c) An anonymous contribution shall not be used or
- 12 expended by the candidate, candidate committee, or noncandidate
- 13 committee, but shall be returned to the contributor. If the
- 14 contributor cannot be identified, the contribution shall escheat
- 15 to the Hawaii election campaign fund.
- 16 [(d) This section shall not apply to amounts that
- 17 aggregate to less than \$100 that are received from ten or more



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- 1 persons at the same political function. The receipt of these
- 2 contributions shall be disclosed in a report filed pursuant to
- 3 sections 11 333 and 11-335.]"
- 4 SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
- 5 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
- 6 begun before its effective date.
- 7 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 8 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 9 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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Report Title:

Campaign Finance

Description:

Repeals exemption for calabash style anonymous campaign contributions - amounts that aggregate to less than \$100 that are received from ten or more persons at the same political function.

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