### A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRANSPARENCY.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
- 2 by adding a new section to subpart H of part XIII to be
- 3 appropriately designated and to read as follows:
- 4 "§11- Newspaper endorsement disclosure. If a newspaper
- 5 endorses a candidate, the newspaper shall disclose the aggregate
- 6 amount spent on advertisements by the candidate and candidate's
- 7 committee. The aggregate amount shall be limited to amounts
- 8 spent from the January 1 preceding the endorsement to the day of
- 9 the endorsement. The disclosure shall be stated within the same
- 10 editorial as the endorsement statement."
- 11 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.
- 12 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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### Report Title:

Newspapers; Disclosure; Transparency; Advertisements

#### Description:

Requires a newspaper to disclose the aggregate amount spent by a candidate on advertisements with the newspaper in the election year when a newspaper chooses to endorse a candidate.

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