A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATED TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 11-323, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows: 2 3 "\$11-323 Organizational report, noncandidate committee. The noncandidate committee organizational report shall 4 5 include: The committee's name, which shall incorporate the full 6 (1)7 name of the sponsoring entity, if any. An acronym or 8 abbreviation may be used in other communications if 9 the acronym or abbreviation is commonly known or 10 clearly recognized by the general public. The 11 committee's name shall not include the name of a 12 candidate; 13 (2) The committee's address, including web page address, 14 if any; 15 (3) The area, scope, or jurisdiction of the committee; 16 (4)The name and address of the committee's sponsoring 17 entity. If the committee does not have a sponsoring

1		entity, the committee shall specify the trade,
2		profession, or primary interest of contributors to the
3		committee;
4	(5)	The name, address, telephone number, occupation, and
5		principal place of business of the chairperson;
6	(6)	The name, address, telephone number, occupation, and
7		principal place of business of the treasurer and any
8		other officers;
9	(7)	An indication as to whether the committee was formed
10		to support or oppose a specific ballot question or
11		candidate and, if so, a brief description of the
12		question or the name of the candidate;
13	(8)	An indication as to whether the committee is a
14		political party committee;
15	(9)	The name, address, telephone number, occupation, and
16		principal place of business of the custodian of the
17		books and accounts;
18	(10)	The name and address of the depository institution in
19		which the committee will maintain its campaign account
20		and each applicable account number; and

- (11) A certification by the chairperson and treasurer of
 the statements in the organizational report.
- 3 (b) Any change in information previously reported in the
- 4 organizational report[with the exception of subsection
- $5 \frac{(a)(12)}{(a)}$ shall be electronically filed with the commission
- 6 within ten days of the change being brought to the attention of
- 7 the committee chairperson or treasurer.
- 8 (c) Any noncandidate committee that violates this section
- 9 shall be subject to a minimum fine of \$1,000 per violation."
- 10 SECTION 2. Section 11-391, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 11 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:
- "(b) The fine for violation of this section, if assessed
- 13 by the commission, shall [not exceed \$25] be at least \$150 for
- 14 each advertisement that lacks the information required by this
- 15 section or provides prohibited information, and shall not exceed
- 16 an aggregate amount of \$5,000."
- 17 SECTION 3. Section 11-393, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 18 amended by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:
- 19 "(d) Any noncandidate committee that violates this section
- 20 shall be subject to a minimum fine [under section 11-410.] of
- 21 \$1,000 per violation, not to exceed twenty-five per cent of the

- 1 total expenditure for the advertisement lacking the proper
- 2 notice."
- 3 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 5 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2112.

Report Title:

Campaign Finance; Advertisements; Noncandidate Committees; Violations; Fines

Description:

Increases the fines assessed against noncandidate committees for violations of organizational report requirements. Increases the fines for violations of campaign advertisement notice requirements. Effective 7/1/2112. (HD2)

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