



GOV. MSG. NO. 1282

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
HONOLULU

DAVID Y. IGE  
GOVERNOR

June 27, 2022

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,  
President  
and Members of the Senate  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,  
Speaker and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 27, 2022, the following bill was signed into law:

SB665 SD1 HD2 CD1

RELATING TO VIOLATIONS OF CAMPAIGN  
FINANCE LAW.  
**ACT 181**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "David Y. Ige".

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

Approved by the Governor

on JUN 27 2022

THE SENATE  
THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE, 2021  
STATE OF HAWAII

**ACT 181**  
**S.B. NO.** 665  
S.D. 1  
H.D. 2  
C.D. 1

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO VIOLATIONS OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAW.

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

1       SECTION 1. Section 11-410, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (h) to read as follows:

3       "(h) ~~[This section]~~ Subsections (a) through (f) shall not  
4 apply to any person who, ~~[prior to]~~ before the commencement of  
5 proceedings under this section, has paid or agreed to pay the  
6 fines prescribed by sections 11-340 and 11-391(b)."

7       SECTION 2. Section 11-411, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
8 amended to read as follows:

9       "~~[§]11-411[§]~~ **Criminal referral.** ~~[In lieu of]~~ In  
10 addition to an administrative determination that a violation of  
11 this part has been committed, the commission may refer the  
12 complaint to the attorney general or county prosecutor at any  
13 time ~~[it]~~ the commission believes the respondent may have  
14 recklessly, knowingly, or intentionally committed a violation."

15       SECTION 3. Section 11-412, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
16 amended to read as follows:

17       "~~[§]11-412[§]~~ **Criminal prosecution.** (a) Any person who  
18 recklessly, knowingly, or intentionally violates any provision



1 of this part shall be guilty of a misdemeanor~~[-]~~, unless another  
2 criminal penalty is specified.

3 (b) Any person who knowingly or intentionally falsifies  
4 any report required by this part with the intent to circumvent  
5 the law or deceive the commission or who violates section 11-352  
6 or 11-353 shall be guilty of a class C felony. A person charged  
7 with a class C felony shall not be eligible for a deferred  
8 acceptance of guilty plea or nolo contendere plea under  
9 chapter 853.

10 (c) Any person who intentionally provides false  
11 information concerning the name or address of the person paying  
12 for an advertisement that is subject to the requirements of  
13 section 11-391 shall be guilty of a class C felony.

14 ~~[(e)]~~ (d) A person who is convicted under this section  
15 shall be disqualified from holding elective public office for a  
16 period of ~~[four]~~ ten years from the date of conviction.

17 ~~[(d)]~~ (e) For purposes of prosecution for violation of  
18 this part, the offices of the attorney general and the  
19 prosecuting attorney of the respective counties shall be deemed  
20 to have concurrent jurisdiction to be exercised as follows:



- 1           (1) Prosecution shall commence with a written request from  
2           the commission ~~[ex]~~, upon the issuance of an order of  
3           the court~~[+]~~, or upon the exercise of the law  
4           enforcement authority of the attorney general or  
5           prosecuting attorney; provided that prosecution may  
6           commence ~~[prior to]~~ before any proceeding initiated by  
7           the commission or final determination;
- 8           (2) In the case of statewide offices, parties, or issues,  
9           the attorney general or the prosecuting attorney for  
10          the city and county of Honolulu shall prosecute any  
11          violation; and
- 12          (3) In the case of all other offices, parties, or issues,  
13          the attorney general or the prosecuting attorney for  
14          the respective county shall prosecute any violation.
- 15          ~~[In]~~ If prosecution is commenced by a written request from  
16          the commission, the [commission's choice of] commission, in  
17          choosing the prosecuting agency, ~~[it]~~ shall be guided by whether  
18          any ~~[conflicting]~~ conflict of interest exists between the agency  
19          and its appointive authority.
- 20          ~~[+e+]~~ (f) The court shall give priority to the expeditious  
21          processing of prosecutions under this section.



1        ~~[({f})]~~ (g) Prosecution for violations of this part shall  
2 not commence after five years have elapsed from the date of the  
3 violation or date of filing of the report covering the period in  
4 which the violation occurred, whichever is later.

5        ~~[({g}) This section shall not apply to any person who, prior  
6 to the commencement of proceedings under this section, has paid  
7 or agreed to pay the fines prescribed by sections 11-340 and  
8 11-391(b).]~~ "

9        SECTION 4. This Act does not affect rights and duties that  
10 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were  
11 begun before its effective date.

12        SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
13 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

14        SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



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C.D. 1

APPROVED this 27th day of June, 2022


A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Ige". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping "D" and a stylized "Ige".


GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

**THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I**

Date: May 3, 2022  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate  
of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i, Regular Session of 2022.

  
President of the Senate

  
Clerk of the Senate

SB No. 665, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 3, 2022  
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022.



Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker  
House of Representatives



Brian L. Takeshita  
Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives