

JAN 25 2023

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that some candidates for
2 elected office design their websites in a manner that is
3 intended to solicit noncandidate committees, especially super
4 political action committees, to publish or produce political
5 advertisements and other materials that benefit those
6 candidates. This campaign tactic, commonly known as
7 "redboxing", is intended to circumvent campaign finance laws
8 that strictly prohibit candidates from coordinating with
9 noncandidate committee political campaign efforts.

10 The purpose of this Act is to close the legal loophole
11 against this practice by prohibiting candidates and their
12 campaigns from designing candidate websites that are intended to
13 solicit certain outcomes from noncandidate committees.

14 SECTION 2. Chapter 11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
15 by adding a new section to part XIII, subpart E, to be
16 appropriately designated and to read as follows:



1 "§11- Certain solicitations prohibited. (a) No
2 campaign website for any candidate or candidate committee shall
3 contain any content that:

4 (1) Contains information; or

5 (2) Is manipulated in any manner;

6 that is intended or designed to induce a noncandidate committee
7 to use that content to make expenditures supporting the
8 candidate or candidate committee in a manner suggested by the
9 candidate or candidate committee.

10 (b) The commission shall adopt rules, pursuant to
11 chapter 91, necessary for the purposes of this section."

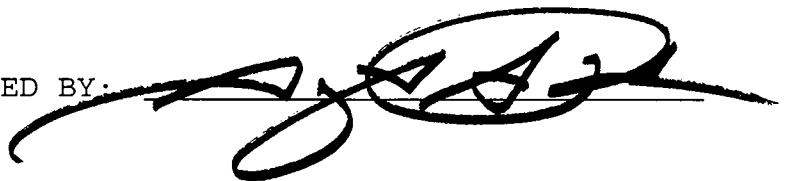
12 SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
13 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
14 begun before its effective date.

15 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

16 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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S.B. NO. 1212

Report Title:

Campaign Spending; Candidates; Committees; "Redboxing"

Description:

Prohibits any campaign website for any candidate or candidate committee from containing information or manipulating content in any manner that is intended or designed to induce a noncandidate committee to use that content to make expenditures supporting the candidate or candidate committee in a manner suggested by the candidate or candidate committee. Requires the Campaign Spending Commission to adopt rules.

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