

**ACT 16**

H.B. NO. 2072

A Bill for an Act Relating to Campaign Finance.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:*

SECTION 1. Chapter 11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to part XIII, subpart E, to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

**“§11- Solicitations relating to disasters.** (a) No candidate, candidate committee, or noncandidate committee shall solicit a contribution in a manner that would lead a reasonable person to believe that the solicited contribution would primarily be used to provide assistance to persons directly affected by a disaster unless the solicitation includes an explicit disclosure that:

- (1) The solicited contributions are subject to state campaign finance law;
- (2) Contributions may be used to influence the outcomes of elections for political office or votes relating to ballot questions; and
- (3) Persons affected by the disaster may not necessarily benefit from any solicited contribution.

(b) The disclosure described in subsection (a) shall be prominently displayed or announced in a manner that a reasonable person is likely to notice while reading, listening to, or observing the remainder of the solicitation.

(c) A person who violates this section shall be guilty of a class C felony.

(d) For the purposes of this section, “disaster” shall have the same meaning as defined in section 127A-2.”

SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were begun before its effective date.

SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.<sup>1</sup>

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved May 3, 2024.)

**Note**

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.